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CROATIA KICKED OUT BY OLYMPIC

● Zeljko Adzic comes to grief as he attempts to hurdle his Olympic opponent.

MELBOURNE Croatia kissed its NSL season goodbye in a dramatic, ill-tempered clash with Sydney Olympic at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Olympic made its intentions clear from the start dealing unceremoniously with Francis Awaritefe every time he managed to pass his marker.

Elegant winger Alistair Edwards shocked Croatia with an opportunist goal after only 12 minutes, but Croatia fought back courageously and Awaritefe latched on to a dream through ball from Zeljko Adzic to level only nine minutes later.

Abbas Saad got his head to a cross from Jason Polak that should have been cut out and put Olympic ahead once more in the 57th minute, but Croatia coach Ivan Rezojevic made an inspired switch that put Croatia level again only seven minutes later.

He took off Ivan Dozel and sent on his ex-Saint Albans teammate Ivan Kelic, who almost imediately chested a ball down for little Zeljko Adzic to blast home the equaliser.

Then the game really boiled over, as Olympic goalkeeper Clint Gosling went down injured after challenging Awaritefe.

Tempers flared as Olympic's defenders went to confront Awaritefe and his teammates went to his aid.

At one time it seemed that every player on the park was involved in the melee, whilst poor Gosling lay waiting for his knee injury to be attended to and referee Jim Reeves hovered impotently at the edge of the pack.

Gisling was carried off, and fellow New Zealand international Robert Ironside went in goal.

But then Olympic coach Eddie Thomson remembered that substitute Andrew Bernal has played AussieRules and has a reputation for safe handling, so he took over from Ironside and almost straight away lived up to expectations with two good saves.

As the game went into extra time, Croatia's prospects seemed rosy in the event of a penalty shoot-out, but John Koch put an end to the speculation with a volley from outside the box that flew past Croatia goalkeeper Mate Grgic leaving us wondering which goalkeeper was the more inexperienced.

It was a disappointing end to a season of high hopes for both Melbourne and Croatia.

Melbourne had been promised the minor semi-final against St George, 1-0 loser to Marconi on Sunday, if Croatia got through, now the game will be played in Sydney.

So now Eddie Thomson's team, dubbed a "pub team" by jeering Croatia supporters resentful of its physical approach, will once again face the team that Thomson himself dubbed a "pub team" a fortnight ago.

Driving away from the game, I couldn't help pondering on what might have been.

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STATE LEAGUE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

- BULLEEN 0 GULLY 1
- SAINTS 2 FAWKNER 0
- C'FIELD 1 R'WOOD 2
- N'COTE 1 'GATE 0
- M'BYRNONG 0 JUVE 2
- CROYDON 1 FALCONS 2
- PINES 1 'VALE 0
- BOX HILL 0 T'TOWN 1

TWO-DIVISION STATE LEAGUE NEXT YEAR

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WE'RE SORRY

DUE to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to meet our deadlines last week and consequently* Soccer Star *came out a day late.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and hope it doesn't happen again.

WORKCARE FOR COACHES?

Maybe it's because Spring is just around the corner, maybe it's the consequence of the impending State league reshuffle, or maybe it's the wish to see a new face around the place, but whatever the cause, suddenly there is a spate of coach-sackings again.

We'd had a comparatively quiet season up to two weeks ago, with only Maribyrnong feeling it necessary to make a switch, dumping Jim McIntyre for Leszik Djielakowski.

But then it was Frank McAleer's turn to get the flick again — he lost the Thomastown job to ex-Marconi star Roberto Vieri (now there's a new face on the coaches' merry-go-round!)

Last week Bulleen followed suit and sacked Tony Vrzina. Fab Incantalupo has taken over on a caretaker basis and Alan Gentry will be back to take charge next week.

Then a third Italian-backed club *last week* followed suit when Fawkner dismissed John Colangeli and appointed Cedo Cirkovic.

Maybe it was the news that Italy had just elected its 49th Prime Minister since 1945 that inspired the rash of changes.

As unusual, when these changes take place, it's difficult to find out what motivated them, apart from the obvious fact that the club concerned is usually struggling.

Fawkner, like Brer Rabbit, is saying nuffin, but Cirkovic didn't get off to the best of starts when he made late arrivals Willie Raynes and Andy O'Dell stand outside the dressing-room like naughty schoolboys while he addressed the troops.

For their sin, O'Dell and Raynes had to sit on the bench and didn't come on until the game had slipped out of Fawkner's grasp.

That's what I call cutting off your nose to spite your face.

Tony Vrzina got the sack from Bulleen apparently because he was foolish enough to snap his achilles tendon.

He says the club told him that now it was safe (from relegation) it didn't need a coach, especially one on crutches.

Bulleen's form has been average over the last nine weeks, garnering eight points from eight games, *which is middle-of-the-table form.*

Vrzina says for that although the Veneto Club is obviously prosperous, it doesn't follow that it has money to splash around on players.

He likens it to the Sydney City situation, where the wealthy Hakoah Social Club finally pulled the plug on the soccer club and forced it to fold.

He says the Veneto members are more interested in bocce and tennis and those are bigger money-spinners than soccer.

Every time a coach gets the sack I wonder why the committeemen who picked him in the first place don't resign too.

After all, if the coach they picked is a failure, surely that highlights their bad management as much as his incompetence.

Thomastown's committee had the grace to wait until McAleer was out of hospital before sacking him, but Vrzina is still on crutches.

If this sacking of injured coaches becomes the norm, should coaches be on WorkCare?

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

BLACKTOWN GAINS SUPPORT

Blacktown City's successful fight to avoid relegation has aroused the sympathy of a group of supporters in an unlikely area, none other than the born-again Hellas Hooligans.

They have approached Blacktown City with an offer to become its Melbourne-based cheer squad in a letter which we reproduce here:

BLACKTOWN CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB.

MELBOURNE. GATE 12 (which is where Blacktown finished in the League).

To the Blacktown Secretary,

Dear Sir,

After years of fighting each other, the undersigned (all of different nationalities and therefore supporters of different Melbourne clubs), are nevertheless all good mates.

We share a lot of common interests, like professional wrestling and heavy metal thrash music.

So we have decided we would like to barrack occasionally for one club and put aside our national and racial prejudices and hatred for anyone not of our nationality (instilled in us by our parents).

Accordingly, we have banded together to barrack for one Anglo-Saxon-Aussie Club and in the coming season every time Blacktown City plays in Melbourne, at least 20 of us (many times described by Les Shorrock as the "lunatic fringe") will give moral support and chant incessantly for the Demons.

We would be very appreciative if the club would write to us and inform us of any club activities and we will do our best to get the fan club off the ground.

Signed Luka (The General), Nick (Field Marshal), Nazi Lou, Big John, Dusty Wolfe, David S, The Ace Cowboy, Johnny K, Danny, Nick B, Con D, Alex B, VIDA, Big Joe, Iron Mike, Tony S, Mario M, Grizzly and Lucifer. (All Zyklon B fans too!)

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NOT THE BEST

Controversy has marred the end of the George Best magical mystery tour. And Adelaide advertiser journalist named Peter Hackett is reported to be sueing Best for allegedly assaulting him at the Adelaide Casino.

Best visited the Casino several times in his last sojourn in the City of Churches and was a big winner on a couple of occasions.

Hackett told police that he saw Best (whom he recognised after interviewing him five years before) in the Casino toilet and went up to him to say hello.

He says that Best turned on him for no reason at all and started punching and kicking him.

Best denies the assault and says he can produce witnesses who say it didn't happen (they were not alone in the toilets at the time).

He was interviewed twice by police before being allowed to leave Australia last week and the police have not charged him.

Hackett, on the other hand, has not been able to produce witnesses and I understand his solicitor is now advertising for witnesses to come forward.

The affair bears a disturbing resemblance to a recent newspaper story about Ian Botham who was said to have assaulted a pest in a pub car park whilst he was with Dennis Lilley.

Police later completely exonerated Botham ... it's one of the prices of fame, I suppose.

VSF identity Joe Dockerty, who accompanied Best or his six-week tour of Australia, is very indignant about the affair.

"It's a pity the newspapers can't be bothered to write about all the good things George has done during this visit," he fumed.

"He has done a great deal for handicapped children, in fact he went back to Adelaide for a second visit specially to play in a benefit match for young amputee Neil Fuller, who lost his leg following a soccer match.

"Three thousand people attended that game and, as a result, Neil Fuller has benefitted to the tune of $8,000.

"That wasn't an isolated case, either," Joe said.

"People at Doncaster Soccer Club here in Melbourne will testify how much he put in when he played in the charity match for the Bialla School and cheerfully signed autographs all day long."

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CALLING WOMENS' SOCCER

We have been contacted by the coach of St Mary's Ladies' College of Moraga, California, asking if games can be arranged for his womens' soccer team which is planning to come to Australia next year on holiday.

A group of 25 young ladies aged between 18 and 21 will be making the trip, hoping to play five games between July 29 and August 18, 1990, paying their own accommodation and travel expenses.

Anyone interested should contact: Mr R. Farris, Womens' Soccer Coach, St Mary's College, Box 5100, Moraga, California 94575. Tel: 415-376-4411 ext. 415.

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ATTENTION ALL REFEREES

Despite any instructions you might receive to the contrary from Soccer House, 801 3192 is NOT, repeat NOT, Lou Hemmes' home number.

His number is 801 3392, 801 3392, 801 3392, 801 3392 — got it?

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GRAND FINAL AT PARRAMATTA

The NSL Grand Final will be played played at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday week.

There had been some concern that a suitable *venue would be un*available but Parramatta Rugby League Club has agreed to move its scheduled home match.

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Croatia got rid of Jeff Olver and paid the penalty, but was also deprived of the services of George Hannah, which was a cruel blow.

Hannah, only one week away from being fully fit, had to sit on the bench and agonise as he watched Alistair Edwards give his deputy Stuart Cannell the runaround.

Then there was the refereeing.

What ever possessed the NSL to send a New South Wales referee to officiate over a game between a Melbourne club and a Sydney club is beyond me.

Even if the referee had been competent it would have been foolish.

The game called for a Bambridge or a Campbell, what it got was Jim Reeves from Newcastle who lost his grip early on and never regained it.

Before the game, Eddie Thomson, voluble as ever, was expressing his disgust at the choice of Reeves to ABC commentator Petr Gee and me.

"Does this mean that the NSL regards Reeves as the number two referee in the country?" he demanded.

In the event, he was lucky to have Reeves, who managed to hand out five yellow cards, but couldn't bring himself to send off Steve Georgeakis when he deliberately handled the ball, a bookable offence when he had already earned one yellow card.

But despite ending the season disappointingly, Croatia has nothing to reproach itself about.

It has proved itself the best of the Melbourne NSL clubs, and has built a well-equipped new ground without any outside help whatsoever.

Its bigger problem ahead could be persuading Ivan Reznjevic to stay for another season, and built on the stability he has brought to the team.

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COACHING, A HAZARDOUS PROFESSION

NELSON'S COLUMN

WHEN I accepted my Editor's offer of this cub reporter's job (just like Jimmy Olsen) a couple of months ago, I promised myself that I would always be upbeat and, hopefully, show the game in a good light while avoiding the petty politics that plague the local soccer scene.

However . . . I couldn't believe it when my old pal, and sometime mentor, Tony Vrizna was dumped as coach of Bulleen Veneto last week.

Tony had Bulleen sitting very comfortably in eighth position and it had conceded only three goals in its last nine games.

Even more impressive was the quality of its opposition in those games.

Already in this second round of matches, they had drawn 0-0 v Croydon and St Albans, lost only 1-0 to Juventus and beat Caulfield 2-0 away, leaving them to play only the teams below them.

Not a bad situation to be in I would have thought.

So, after Tony had addressed the players prior to last Tuesday night's training, the last thing he expected when he was asked to come in to the club, was to be given the boot.

It makes you wonder what the Bulleen committee expects, doesn't it?

Losing Fabio Incantalupo — who had scored five goals in five games — and Andy Bozikas and Alex Livingstone to long-term injuries also severely restricted *Tony in the flair department.*

On top of all this, of course, Tony was unfortunate enough to snap an achilles tendon, so it's not been a good year for him, but I'm sure a coach of his calibre, with a record like his (19 seasons coaching here, out of the top four only three times) will not be on the shelf for long.

But it makes you wonder how many kicks in the teeth it takes before coaches just pack it in and put away childish things, especially when the criteria for being a committee member seems to be that you must be (1) a mental defective with (2) no knowledge whatsoever of the modern game.

(Yes it has changed you know, since Nandor Hidegkuti strode the world stage back in the early 1950s).

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OLD COWBOYS NEVER DIE

On a lighter note, I dropped in to see the second half of Ferntree Gully's Division Four home game v Karingal United last week, as my old Carrum Cowboys teammate Colin Mitchell is now Karingal's player-coach.

Unfortunately it was not Karingal's day, and it went down deservedly by a 2-0 scoreline, both goals being scored by Andrew Khoury.

Karingal has been going quite well recently and has some very experienced players in Ged Bannon, Kevin Swinscoe and Ian McNeil, but it certainly missed the services of ex-Pines forward Ian McGinnigle in this game (he was giving away his sister at her wedding) and, in fact, wouldn't have scored if it had played all weekend.

Also on hand was another old Cowboys' favorite, Stevie Darvell, aka "The Flying Wombat".

Stevie had been kicking the dew off the grass in the reserves beforehand, so we had plenty of time to get re-acquainted.

He was telling me that the Cowboys, now being coached (?) by the old Green Gully Ajax whippet Les Thomson, are in their perennial position at the top of the Bayside League even though they've now changed their name to Frankston United (it's not the same is it?)

In fact, for your edification here is the complete Bayside Soccer League Division One table —

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Frankston United	12	11	0	1	54	13	22
2. Rosebud	13	9	0	4	39	15	18
3. Noble Social	12	7	2	3	50	30	16
4. Ballam Park	13	8	0	5	24	21	16
5. Beaumaris Sharks	13	7	1	5	43	21	15
6. Navy	13	6	3	4	29	23	15
7. Peninsula Sports	13	6	1	6	40	32	13
8. Lawton Park	12	6	0	6	28	36	12
9. Botany Park	14	4	1	8	19	31	9
10. Hastings	13	0	0	13	13	92	0

Incidentally, Frankston United has a couple of well-known identities in its side in big Brian Paulding (ex Pines and Mornington) and Rab Stewart, the Hellas, Frankston City, Mornington and Springvale crowd pleaser, so it's no surprise they're on top even without big Bobby "Rupert" Adams who has finally cut down his last forward.

My thanks to Barry Fern for all the stats, and if you would like to catch one of the games, give him a ring on 772 0319 (AH).

However, if you are a world class goalkeeper he'll put you in touch directly with the Hastings Brains Trust — 92 goals against in 13 games (wow!).

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CYCLING'S GOOD FOR YOU TOO

I reckon that well-known soccer scribe will be even fitter by the end of next season than he was in his running days.

He's been relegated to riding a bike now, after a slight disagreement with the law.

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FINALLY this week, I have a couple of questions:

1. Is Goran Runje hoping for a "Gentleman's Quarterly" cover appearance? His sartorial splendour took my breath away last week.
2. Will Bulleen's Goran Troglic take me on at bocce this week after I said all the above things?
3. Where are all these Gorans coming from?

* * *

Ta ta!

— RAB

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rab's reluctant to reveal that the bonny bouncing baby we featured three weeks ago is none other than our intrepid columnist himself.

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● *Les Thomson . . . the old Green Gully whippet is now coaching Carrum Cowboys.*

● *Ged Banon . . . has helped Karingal go quite well lately.*

● *Kevin Swinscoe . . . one of Karingal's experienced players.*

NSL DETAILS

MARCONI'S GRITTY SEMI-WIN

A SPLIT-SECOND change of mind by National Soccer League top scorer Zlatko Jastevski earned Marconi a grand-final berth after a gritty 1-0 win over St George in the major semi-final at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Sydney Olympic eliminated Melbourne Croatia 3-2 in extra time in the minor semi-final and qualifies to meet St George in the final at St George Stadium this weekend.

Nastevski headed the winner two minutes before half time after midfielder Ian Gray charged on to the ball and swung a cross from the right into the St George goal area.

"I thought I wouldn't be able to get to the cross because of being marked but suddenly changed my mind and decided it was going to be my ball," Nastevski said.

The talented striker, who broke the Maroni club scoring record this season, was a battered player after receiving plenty of attention from the St George defence.

He was frequently brought down in tackles but still managed to find open space although his normal coal touch was missing.

"The tackles were sometimes dirty and caused me to lose concentration. My body has plenty of bruises but I've got two weeks to recover for the grand final," he said.

St George shocked Marconi by swinging into attack from the opening whistle, contrary to predictions it would play safe in the first half.

Mike Grbevski was overlapping along the left, a Mike O'Shea volley whistled over the bar and Craig Moffitt missed from two metres as the Saints ploughed through the Marconi defence.

The defending champions refused to buckle under the pressure and launched enough counter-attacks to force Saints keeper Mike Gibson to show his best form.

Gray had a point blank shot deflected while Nastevski lifted a Fred de Jong cross wide of the up-right.

St George was more committed and quicker to the ball in the first half but Marconi came out stronger in the second session and the introduction of substitute David Lowe in the 64th minute brought a new sparkle to the team.

De Jong, Jean-Paul de Marigny and Nastevski missed chances but St George had an opportunity to steal the game when Tony Krslovic thumped the ball on to the crossbar, Andy Harper forced keeper Bob Catlin to concede a corner and Matt Bingley sliced a shot from in front..

Bingley stood out for the Saints with his non-stop running while Robbie Wheatley was superb for Marconi in marshalling the defence and linking with the attack.

"We could have sat back in the last 15 minutes but we can't play that way. It was very hard and dour and to the team's credit they kept going after receiving many challenges from behind," Marconi coach Berti Mariani said.

St George coach Frank Arok said he was satisfied with his team and the high-quality game.

"It was not one-sided as people expected and I thought we were controlling the game until the goal," he said.

"Uncertainty in defence gave the match to Marconi although it was a very rewarding day for us."

NYL TOP FIVE

THE Top 5 Competition will be held as follows:

SUNDAY AUGUST 6th 1989 — MELBOURNE CROATIA SC, SOMERS ST., SUNSHINE.

Game (C): Winner Game (A) v Loser Game (B) Minor Semi Final 1.00 pm. Melbourne Croatia v Altona Gate.

Game (D) Winner Game (B) v No. 1 Major Semi Final 3.00 pm. South Melbourne v Sunshine George Cross.

WEDNESDAY August 9th 1989 — Northcote City SC, Clarendon St., Thornbury.

Winner Game (C) v Loser Game (D) Preliminary Final 7.00 pm. **Melbourne Croatia or Altona Gate v South Melbourne or Sunshine GX.**

Sunday August 13th 1989 — Chaplin Reserve, Anderson Road, Sunshine. Final — Kick off 3.00 pm. Winner game (D) v Winner of Preliminary Final.

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BLACKTOWN c	2.1	1.1		0-1	04	3-1	1-3	1-1	2-2	1-2	2-1	0-2	0-2	0-1
HEIDELBERG U	2-0	1-1	1-2		0-2	2-1	0-4	03	1-1	1-0	1-2	2-0	04	0-1
MARCONI	1-4	50	40	4-0		1-1	2-1	00	00	02	3-1	1-1	35	00
MELB. JUST	1-1	0-1	2-0	0-2	04		3-1	1-2	3-4	0-0	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-0
MELB. CROATIA	0-0	1-0	6-0	2-1	0-4	2-0		1-0	43	2-1	02	00	2-1	2-1
PRESTON MAK	0.1	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	00	3-0		2-1	3-1	1-0	00	1-2	1-0
STH. MELB.	0.1	00	1-1	4-1	0-1	1-1	04	1-2		1-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	02
ST GEORGE	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	04	1-1	22	3-0	03		4-0	30	02	2-0
SUN.GEORGE X	02	0-1	3-3	1-0	3-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	25	0-1		3-1	1-1	1-0
SYD. CROATIA	20	12	00	1-2	03	2-1	1-1	2.1	2-1	1-1	1-0		00	1-0
SYD. OLYMPIC	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-2	1-1	1-2	3-1	1-1	03	02	2-0	1-0		3-1
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MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

MARONI 1 (Nastevski 42nd) ST GEORGE 0
At Marconi Stadium, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge. Cautions Koczka, O'Shea (St.G).

MARCONI: Catlin - Colucci, Calderan, Wheatley, De Marigny - Gray, McCulloch, Katholos, Calagiuri - Nastevski, De Jong. Coach Berti Mariani.

ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka, Ratcliffe, Grbevski - O'Shea, Krislovic (Harper 74th) Moffitt, Pottier (Ilic 65th) - Bingley, Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.

MINOR SEMI-FINAL

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Awaritefe 21st, Adzic 64th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Edwards 12th, Saad 57th, Koch 96th).
At Olympic Park, Sunday. Referee J. Reeves. Cautions Donnelly, Awaritefe (MC), Georgakis, Edwards, Polak (SO).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Grgic - Davidson, Selemides, Cannell, Donnelly - Duzel (Kelic 64th), Milosevic, Biskic, Adzic - Awaritefe, Caleta. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling (Bernal 74th) - Barrett, Hooker, Haniotis, Georgakis - Koch, Edwards, Polak, Lee - Saad (Spyridakos 107th), Ironside. Coach Eddie Thomson.

Wadey says . . . .

By PAUL WADE

IF you didn't find the time to attend the semi final of the NSL top five on Sunday, you missed the most entertaining 120 minutes of soccer this season.

The entertainment wasn't confined to the field, either.

We had pandemonium on the terraces with both sets of fans lighting flares and at times the odd disagreement which might have got out of hand had the boys in blue not intervened and we even had a linesman knocked out by the ball.

The players played their part with narrow misses at both ends, plus an outburst of fisticuffs that took referee Jim Reeves all his time to quell, and the game was held up for four minutes whilst a goalkeeper was carried off on a stretcher.

All this was capped off with five goals and thirty miutes of extra time. It all added up to an afternoon that will be talked about for many weeks.

Melbourne Croatia started off where it finished last week, in full control and looking likely to bury Olympic early.

Possession came easily for Croatia but strikes on goal were scarce.

Olympic coach Eddie Thomson had treated his team to a few home truths during thie week and maybe that was the reason for the uncertain start.

But all that was to change because in the 12th minute after some delightful one touch football, Alistair Edwards found himself clear about eight yards from goal on a 45 degree angle, and his second otuch with his favoured left foot smashed the ball past Croatia goalkeeper Mate Grgic.

That setback subdued Croatia for the next nine minutes, then Zeljko Adzic with only his third touch split the Olympic defence in half.

His well timed pass found the speedy Francis Awaritefe with only Clint Gosling to beat, and he did so clinically with the ball rolling across the Olympic line.

4000 Croatia fans almost lifted the Olympic Park roof off the rafters, the epicentre of which was right under me as I sat with Peter Gee trying to concentrate on replays, etc.

Tempers began to fray with Stuart Cannell and Edwards tangling on the ball and off it.

Awaritefe blew up as a result of a crude tackle by Barrett from behind, and retaliated, provoking a brief fight.

But the good football far outweighed the black spots with shots flashing past the uprights of both goals with no result.

Olympic especially must have been under strict instructions to shoot on sight.

Grgic was called on to make saves from John Koch and Edwards, the latter shoting from 35 to 40 yards out at times, probably sensing the keeper's unease.

During the second half Croatia's usually thrust from Alan Davidson at the back and Branko Milosevic in midfield was almost non-existent.

But Croatia was by no means out of it.

The second half started with Croatia taking the initiative, and Clint Gosling made what can only be described as a miraculous save which provided one more reason why he is rated as New Zealand's No.1 keeper.

Josip Biskic' shot from only six yards out was goal-bound until Gosling threw himself to theleft at full stretch and palmed the ball past the upright.

Maybe that let off was the fright Olympic needed, because in the 57th minute Abbas Saad ran on to a Jason Polak cross and with a low bounce and indecision in the Croatia back four, got a crucial header past Grgic to make it 2-1.

Just as in the first half the lead was short lived.

Ivan Kelic, whose goal scoring reservoir seemed to have dried up early in the season, came on as substitute and within minutes he ran on to a cross and chested down for Zeljko Adzic to blast home the equaliser.

Eddie Thomson was on his feet claiming that Kelic had handled the ball, but the Croatia fans drowned out his protest with screams of delight.

As if that wasn't enough Gosling was taken off on a stretcher after a collision with Awaritefe which saw him receive a deep gash below the knee.

First Robert Ironside and then to everybody's amazement substitute Andrew Bernal took over in goal.

Bernal performed well too, saving Olympic with some very timely punches adding to Croatia's frustration.

Olympic wasn't gaining possession as much as Croatia, but looked dangerous on the break.

As in the first half shots on goal rained in from near and far but Grgic wasn't really tested.

So at the end of 90 minutes the score was level at two all and the test of endurance was about to begin.

To add to the drama, linesman Eugene Brazzale went down as if poleaxed when a hefty clearance from Olympic defender George Haniotis hit him in the face, but he resumed after attention.

Then John Koch decided to try his luck from well outside the penalty box and let fly with a powerful volley that sailed past Grgic for the decider. The ball seemed within Grgic's reach and the Croatian defenders looked stunned as he never made a move for it.

Croatia played it very cool, knocking the ball around whilst waiting for an opening, but the Olympic players, having been hauled over the coals the week before by Eddie Thomson, were not about to let slip another chance at Frank Arok's St George.

So it was the end for Croatia, but its players had put up a great fight.

Quite rightly they were clapped from the ground for providing yet another entertaining game and that's what the fans really want.

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DIVISION Fixtures Round 13

Division 1 Morning

ANZ Bank v Middle Park
Aust. Airlines v Altona Ilinden
Fibremakers Utd v Apollo Un
Highpoint v Footscray United
Northcote Utd v Montrose

DIV.1 MORNING	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HIGHPOINT	12	11	0	1	32	6	22
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	11	8	2	1	37	14	18
ALTONA ILINDEN	11	8	1	2	33	9	17
MONTROSE	11	4	5	2	19	15	13
AUSTN AIRLINES	12	4	2	6	20	24	10
ANZ BANK	12	4	2	6	10	15	10
FIBREMAKERS UTD	11	4	2	5	16	23	10
APOLLO UNITED	10	4	1	5	23	27	9
NORTHCOTE UTD	12	2	0	10	15	38	4
MIDDLE PARK	11	1	2	8	11	45	4

DIV.1 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	12	8	3	1	33	13	19
ANZ BANK	12	6	5	1	31	15	17
HIGHPOINT	11	5	5	1	25	9	15
AUSTN AIRLINES	12	5	5	2	27	17	15
MONTROSE	11	4	4	3	22	16	12
NORTHCOTE UTD	12	3	3	6	14	29	9
APOLLO UNITED	10	3	2	5	18	22	8
MIDDLE PARK	10	3	1	6	17	26	7
ALTONA ILINDEN	11	2	3	6	19	33	7
FIBREMAKERS UTD	11	2	1	8	9	33	5

Division 1 Afternoon

Coomoora Spiders v Youth Un
Flamingo v Rowville Un
Glenroy Doka S v Melb. Rumania
Thomastown Utd v S'vale Eagles
Windsor v Hampton Park Utd

DIV.1 AFTERNOON	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	12	8	2	2	43	26	18
HAMPTON PARK UTD	12	7	3	2	31	18	17
COOMOORA SPIDERS	12	7	2	3	38	23	16
THOMASTOWN UTD	11	5	3	3	28	24	13
GLENROY DOKA UTD	11	5	3	3	22	23	13
MELB RUMANIA	11	5	2	4	33	25	12
FLAMINGO	12	3	5	4	28	32	11
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	1	2	7	21	31	4
YOUTH UNITED	10	1	2	7	25	42	4
S'VALE EAGLES	11	1	2	8	17	45	4

DIV.1 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FLAMINGO	11	7	2	2	31	17	16
WINDSOR	11	7	2	2	25	15	16
HAMPTON PARK UTD	12	7	0	5	35	19	14
GLENROY DOKA UTL	10	6	1	3	21	12	13
MELB RUMANIA	11	5	3	3	32	27	13
S'VALE EAGLES	11	4	2	5	26	27	10
COOMOORA SPIDERS	11	4	1	6	24	38	9
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	4	0	6	23	22	8
THOMASTOWN UTD	9	2	0	7	13	42	4
YOUTH UNITED	9	1	1	7	19	42	3

Division 2 Mixed

Morning Games

N Cote St Helena v SB Spurs
Tottenham v Swinburne

Afternoon Games

Barambie v Leros United
Cretan Athletic v Middle East
Oakleigh City v Melb Pumas

DIV.2 MIXED	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CRETAN ATHLETIC	12	10	0	2	44	16	20
TOTTENHAM	10	9	0	1	45	10	18
BARAMBIE	11	8	1	2	53	25	17
MIDDLE EAST	11	7	0	4	25	20	14
SWINBORNE	12	5	0	7	27	38	10
OAKLEIGH CITY	11	4	1	6	20	27	9
LEROS UNITED	11	3	0	8	22	45	6
S.B. SPURS	11	2	2	7	18	45	6
NTH X ST.HELENA	11	2	1	8	20	39	5
MELBOURNE PUMAS	10	1	3	6	16	36	5

DIV.2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	10	9	1	0	33	8	19
BARAMBIE	11	7	2	2	21	8	16
CRETAN ATHLETIC	10	7	1	2	25	11	15
OAKLEIGH CITY	11	7	0	4	33	21	14
SWINBORNE	12	6	1	5	30	31	13
LEROS UNITED	11	5	1	5	27	26	11
MIDDLE EAST	11	4	1	6	27	26	9
MELBOURNE PUMAS	9	3	1	5	17	26	7
NTH X ST.HELENA	11	1	1	9	12	45	3
S.B. SPURS	12	0	1	11	15	40	1

Division 2 Afternoon

KBRO Blue Danube v Dandenong U
Bayside ATA v Nth. Timorese
Elwood United v Nth Dand. Spar
Fl'ton Florida v Oak. City Bays
Berwick United v CSUV

DIV.2 AFTERNOON	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	12	9	3	0	50	19	21
FL'TON FLORIDIA	11	10	0	1	46	9	20
NTH DNG SPARROWS	11	7	2	2	30	16	16
BERWICK UNITED	11	6	1	4	24	14	13
NTHN TIMORESE	11	6	1	4	31	20	13
ELWOOD UNITED	11	4	3	4	23	22	11
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	11	5	1	5	17	27	11
DANDENONG UNITED	11	2	0	9	18	50	4
C.S.U.V.	11	1	0	10	11	45	2
OAK. CITY BAYS	12	0	1	11	14	40	1

DIV.2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	11	11	0	0	110	13	22
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	9	9	0	0	54	7	18
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	12	7	2	3	37	[illegible]	16
BERWICK UNITED	11	6	3	2	33	21	15
NTHN TIMORESE	11	5	1	5	23	32	11
DANDENONG UNITED	11	3	2	7	24	62	8
OAK. CITY BAYS	12	2	3	7	28	51	7
NTH DNG SPARROWS	12	3	1	8	23	50	7
C.S.U.V.	11	1	2	8	15	37	4
FL'TON FLORIDIA	11	2	0	9	13	59	4

Division 3 East

Westall PIPA v Dallas Un
Garden City v Keeley Kings
Essendon Tramway v Taxation Utd
Bowater v Kew Deaf
Laminex v Preston Tramways

DIV.3 EAST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DALLAS UNITED	12	11	0	1	[illegible]	17	22
LAMINEX	12	6	4	2	51	30	16
TAXATION UNITED	11	6	3	2	33	20	15
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	12	6	1	5	32	32	13
KEELEY KINGS	12	5	3	4	33	34	13
BOWATER	11	5	2	4	24	23	12
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	11	3	3	5	34	45	9
GARDEN CITY	12	2	4	6	20	33	8
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	11	2	1	8	23	42	5
KEW DEAF	12	1	1	10	17	59	3

Division 3 West

Alt North Tarrien v St Albans Dyn
K Park Heights v Ardeer
Keilor Old Boys v Nippondenso
St Albans Wanderers v Altona H
Sunbury v Whittlesea

DIV.3 WEST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ALT NTH TARRIEN	12	10	1	1	34	6	21
ST ALBANS DYNAMO	11	8	3	0	41	11	19
ARDEER	12	8	3	1	32	12	19
KEILOR OLD BOYS	12	5	3	4	25	25	13
ST ALB WANDERERS	9	5	0	4	25	13	10
ALTONA HEIGHTS	12	4	1	7	17	27	9
WHITTLESEA	11	3	2	6	20	38	8
K PARK HEIGHTS	12	2	2	8	17	27	6
SUNBURY	11	1	3	7	9	26	5
NIPPONDENSO	12	2	0	10	17	52	4

Division 4

Alex the Great v Endeavour Un
Eltham & D. Valley v Sunsh. Un
Embassy Taxis v Dingley Un
Salesian OB v Epping Thistle

DIV.4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	12	8	2	2	44	13	18
SUNSHINE M'DONIA	10	8	0	2	36	12	16
EPPING THISTLE	11	7	2	2	31	15	16
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	11	6	2	3	27	22	14
ALEX THE GREAT	11	6	1	4	25	25	13
SUNSHINE UNITED	12	5	1	6	25	31	11
SALESIAN O.B.	10	3	1	6	17	31	7
DINGLEY UNITED	11	2	1	8	14	50	5
EMBASSY TAXIS	11	1	1	9	15	61	3

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THREE WEST TRIUMPH

DIVISION Three West sides, Ardeer and St Albans Dynamo, stole the limelight from this round of the Mansfield Bunney Cup, each disposing of highly-fancied First Division opposition.

Ardeer, led by super-boot Peter Wisniewski, was particularly impressive in its demolition of 1A's Melbourne Rumania. Actually a number of the Rumanians lost their way during the long cross-town journey to Ardeer, and never really found it again except in the last 15 minutes or so of thish ighly entertaining match.

Despite Melbourne Rumania's unsettled start, it took Ardeer quite a long while to take advantage of its opponent's unease. But a lightning fast 1-2 from Wisniewski saw Ardeer go into the lead at the 32nd minute, and make it 2-0 at the 37th.

Ardeer maintained the pressure for the first 20 minutes of the second half, with Wisniewski netting at the 48th and again at the 64th minutes. At 4-0 up Ardeer began to fizzle.

The Rumanians, sensing an opportunity to get into the match for the first time, stormed home with Doran Dodenciu breaking through at the 71st minute, and scoring again from the spot at the 84th.

But for the brilliance (and occasional ruthlessness) of Ardeer's centre-half, Andrew Nelson, the last 20 minutes of this game could well have seen Melbourne's Rumania come from nowhere to steal a win it had never deserved.

The final 4-3 scoreline says it all, as on the day Ardeer was in fact twice as good as its opposition.

Meanwhile, over at St Albans, the Dynamos were engaged in a much sterner sgruggle as they tried to shake off the persistent threat of 1M's Footscray United.

It was not until the 62nd minute that the deadlock was broken. Under sustained attack from St Albans Dynamo, the Footscray defence finally cracked and conceded an own goal when a defender's desperate attempt to keep the enemy at bay resulted only in his slicing the ball into his own net.

Stung by this reverse, Footscray found fresh energy and stormed forward. At the 67th minute Footscray's Branko Manevski gathered the ball just inside the penalty area and hammered it into the top left corner of the goal.

The remainder of the game saw both teams engaged in a desperate struggle for supremacy. In the end, it was the Dynamos' goal machine, Ivan Grgas, who netted the decider when his 22-metre thunderbolt sneaked in just under the cross-bar.

Maintaining the dominance of the western suburbs, Highpoint disposed of Springvale Eagles 6-2, while Altona Ilinden just fell in at the expense of Flemington Floridia.

Altona Ilinden's long-serving secretary Risto Pilovski, was still a nervous wreck when we contacted him for comments on this match.

"We were", he said, "very, very lucky." In the first half, which was full of action, Ilinden edged to a 1-0 lead when Boris Stojanovski nudged in a 43rd minute goal. It should have been 2-0 a minute later when Chris Gregory missed an open goal from five metres out.

But Flemington Floridia had had its chances earlier. A 24th minute shot found the back of the net, but the goal was disallowed for "off-side"; another shot rebounded harmlessly from the upright, and at the 38-minute mark Joe Pizzo made a mistake which will give him nightmares for weeks.

A sloppy back pass from Ilinden's centre-half Petkovski was pushed towards a goal-keeper who never had a chance of reaching it. Pizzo swooped, gathered the ball, but in attempting a routine rounding of the goal-keeper, slipped.

By the time Pizzo had regained his feet and control of the ball, an Ilinden defender had found time to cover the vacant goal-mouth, and was able to turn Pizzo's shot to safety.

The second half was a repeat of the first, but even less productive, as neither

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● *Alan Davidson seems anxious to make a point . . . no-one seems too bothered about poor Clint Gosling on the ground.*

● Robert Ironside (left) seems anxious to interview Ivan Kelic (No.12), who is being restrained by Abbas Saad whilst Zeljko Adzic whispers in his ear and Josip Biskic holds the antagonists apart.

ACTION AT OLYMPIC PARK

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ROUND TWENTY-TWO DETAILS

BULLEEN 0 GREEN GULLY 1 (Daley 60th)
At Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee D. Rand.
BULLEEN: Riccioletti - Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Antasanovski (Trogrlic 60th) - Ruccia, Manou (Angele HT), Livingstone - O'Keefe, Avian, Lujic. Caretaker coach Fab Incantalupo.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, McLelland, McMillan, Chetcuti - Smart, Pender, Wilson, Elsey - Daley, Harrison. Coach Willie Vassallo.
Ansett best player award: McLelland (GG) 3, SanT(GG) 2, Lujic (B) 1.

ST ALBANS 2 (Gagula 55th, Dragovic 78th) FAWKNER 0
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee N. Zachariades.
ST ALBANS: Vunderl - Kuzman, Bozic, Colina, Dragovic - Kupresak, Dezic (Eres 70th), Culina Gagula - Morovic, Pondeljak. Coach Branko Culina.
FAWKNER: Terzini - Tubic, Patricca, Schipano, Cosentino - Ferla, Falcone, Sabatino - Hanna, Emmanuelle, Campbell. Coach Cedo Circkovic.
Ansett best player award: Kupresak (StA) 3, Culina (St.a) 2, Bozic (St.A) 1.

CAULFIELD CITY (Deligiannis 2nd) RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Wall 57th, Corvan 72nd).
At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee D. Voutsines. Caution Cumming (R).
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer - Abraam, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Theoharous, Aretis, Casali (Kountouris 69th), Filipou - Pappas, Deligiannis. Coach Jim Condilis.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Verniers, Cumming, Nolan, Haupt - Prinsen, Muir, Maguire, Corvan - Wall, De Ridder. Coach Hans Petersen.
Ansett best player award: Nolan (R) 3, Corvan (R) 2, Haupt (R) 1.

NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Cocker 47th) ALTONA GATE 0
At John Cain Reserve, Saturday. Referee B. Grant.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Ramos (Bekiaris), Palmaricciotto, Harris, N. Constantinou - Woodall, Patiniotis, Burgess, Gymnopoulos - Cocker, J. Constantinou (Tsangas). Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
ALTONA GATE: Lee -Micevski, Gagic (inj. Byrne 35th), Markovski, Momirovski - Aslimovski, Nicoski, Tortevski, Ilioski - Georgevski, McMullen. Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: Woodall (N) 3, Gymnopoulos (N) 2, Lee (A) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Egan 30th, 60th)
At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee R. Simonis.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio - Farrugia, Innes, Fleming, Blicharz - Nelson, Bonk, Belgrinos - Baran, Stefanovic, Acevski. Coach Leszik Djielkowski.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Giandomenico, Coady, Della Rocca, De Amicis - Patterson (Glockner 75th), Minichiello, Belic, Lane - Egan, McGrellis (Palleschi 75th). Coach Manfrad Schaefer.
Ansett best player award: Egan (J) 3, Nelson (M) 2, Lane (J) 1.

CROYDON CITY 1 (Humble 76th) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Basara 4th, Manley 12th)
At Town Park, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel. Cautions McIntosh, Dobson, Brown (C).
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje - Brown, Dobson, McIntosh, Roodhouse, Quigley (Langsbury HT), van Egmond, Brimmer, G. Runje - Scott, Humble. Coach Ian Dobson.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Bingham, Byrne, Walsh, Doyle - O'Donnell, McBride, Cassar - Manley, Wright, Basara. Coach Bob McLachlan.
Ansett best player award: McBride (MF) 3, Manley (MF) 2, Dobson (C) 1.

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Miller 78th) SPRINGVALE CITY 0
At Monterey Reserve. Sunday. Referee J. Rutter.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies - McDonagh, Watson, Lipscombe, Buchanan - Weir, Keenan, Miller, Gavilan - Dick, Stirton (Hodgson 75th). Coach Joe Sweeney.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Kral, Reilly, Fouma, Byrne - Livingstone, Findlay - Webster, Tuffield, Armstrong (Mitsou 85th), Keenan. Coach Gus Macleod.
Ansett best player award: Byrne (S) 3, Watson (FP) 2, Miller (FP) 1.

BOX HILL 0 THOMASTOWN 1 (Cristaldo 87th)
At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee Z. Mnich. Caution Hennessy (T).
BOX HILL: McKinlay - Thomas, Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelis - Hanley, McArthur (McLeod 70th), McPee, McAleer - Kenedy, Egan (Ham 80th). Coach John Brown.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - De Propertis (Ragusa HT), Hennessy, Mihailidis, Mihos - Dougherty, Di Martino, Athersych, Cristaldo - Carlora, Sinclair. Coach Roberto Vieri.
Ansett best player award: Cristaldo (T) 3, Cooper (BH) 2, Athersych (I) 1.

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JUVENTUS	21	14	5	2	40	15	33
CROYDON CITY	21	13	5	3	36	8	31
MORWELL FALC	22	12	7	3	41	17	31
ST ALBANS	22	11	7	4	27	16	29
Altona Gate	22	10	6	6	37	24	26
Northcote C	22	10	5	6	28	21	15
Caulf. C	22	9	5	8	34	32	23
Green Gully	21	9	3	9	28	24	21
Bulleen	22	7	6	9	18	23	20
Frankston P	22	7	6	9	26	33	20
Thomastown	22	6	8	8	19	28	20
Ringwood C	22	5	7	10	17	36	17
Springv City	22	4	7	11	16	23	15
Fawkner	21	5	5	11	16	31	15
Box Hill	21	3	7	11	14	27	13
Maribyrnong	22	2	3	17	11	50	7

RESERVES RESULTS

CROYTON CITY 1 MORWELL FALCONS 2
NORTHCOTE CITY 4 ALTONA GATE 2
BOX HILL 1 THOMASTOWN 3
MARIBYRNONG 1 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 5
BULLEEN 0 GREEN GULLY 3
ST ALBANS 2 FAWKNER 1
CAULFIELD CITY 1 RINGWOOD CITY 1
FRANKSTON PINES 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 2

RESERVES LADDER

Juventus	20	13	6	1	56	19	32
Altona Gate	22	13	5	4	46	30	31
Green Gully	20	11	5	4	53	28	27
St Albans	22	11	5	6	40	24	27
Caulf. City	21	10	5	6	39	34	25
Morwell Falc.	22	11	3	8	39	35	25
Thomastown	20	8	4	8	24	31	20
Ringwood C	20	6	7	7	29	34	19
Bulleen	19	6	6	7	21	25	18
Northcote C	17	7	2	8	33	41	16
Frankston P	20	8	0	12	31	43	16
Springvale C	20	5	5	10	18	32	15
Box Hill	20	5	5	10	27	43	15
Fawkner	20	5	3	12	25	33	13
Croydon City	20	3	7	10	25	37	13
Maribyrnong	21	2	8	11	25	42	12

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Leading goalscorers

16. Pappas (Caul)

14. Humble (Croy)

13. McMullen (Alt)

11. Basara (MF)

10. Morovic (St.A)
Egan (Juve)

8. Cucker (North)

7. Carfora (Thom)
Daley (GG)
Stirton (FP)
Watson (FP)
Woodall (North)
Wright (MF)

6. Deligiannis (Caul)
Gagula (St.A)
Hanna (Fawk)
Scott (Croy)
Tortevski (Alt)

5. Bonk (Mar, 3p)
Dick (FP)
Georgevski (Alt)
Glockner (Juve)
Herd (Juve)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Metaxas (GG)

4. Emmanuelle (Fawk)
Eres (St.A)
Harrison (GG)
Lane (Juve)
McBride (MF)
McIntosh (Croy)
van Egmond (Croy)
Webster (S'vale)

3. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Brimmer (Croy)
Byrne (MF)
Davie (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Dobson (Croy)
Drakeford (Caul)
Harris (North)
Keenan (S'vale)
Kupresak (St.A)
McAleer (BH)
Maguire (Ring)
Manley (MF)
Nelson (Mar)
Raynes (Fawk)
Sokoluk (MF)
Theoharous (Caul)
Todorovski (Alt)
Tsangas (North)
Wall (Ring)
Warszawski (MF)

2. Aretis (Caul)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Bryden (S'vale)
Campbell (BH)
Corvan (Ring)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Doyle (MF)
Egan (BH)
Farquharson (G.G)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kennedy (BH)
Kouremenos (North)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McGrellis (Juve)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Markovski (Alt)
Muir (Ring)
O'Keefe (Bull)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Ross (FP)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Trogrlic (Bull)
Wall (Ring)

1. Armstrong (S'vale)
Aslimovski (Alt)
Avian (Bull)
Baran (Mar)
Belegrinos (Mar)
Belic (Juve)
Bingham (MF)
Bothwell (FP)
Bruns (MF)
Burgess (North)
Burlak (North)
Cassar (MF)
Constantinou.J(North)
Constantinou.N(North)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Cumming (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Davis (Alt)
Della Rocca (Juve)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Dragovic (St.A)

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24.Kupresak (St.A)

23.van Egmond (Croy)
22.Byrne (MF)
Fender (GG)
21.Corven (Ring)

20.Brakeford (Caul)

19.Lane (Juve)
18.Harris (North)
Webster (S'vale)
17.Cooper (BH)
Herd (Juve)
McMullen (Alt)
16.McIntosh (Croy)
Maguire (Ring)
15.Dick (FP)
Krajacic (Bull)
Lujic (Bull)
[illegible] (S'vale)
14.Wilson (FP)
Woodall (North)
13.Humble (Croy)
12.Athersych (Thom)
11.Brown (Croy)
10.Berne (Alt)
9.Boon (Mar)
Bosic (St.A)
Bryden (S'vale)
Collins (St.A)
Haupt (Ring)
Nelson (Mar)
O'Dell (Fawk)
8.Egan (Juve)
Gaguic (St.A)
Iliouski (Alt)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (MF)
Sokolak (Caul)
Theoharous (Caul)
Tortevski (Alt)
7.Basara (MF)
Belic (Juve)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Carfora (Thom)
Davies (FP)
Dobson (Croy)
Fattore (Caul)
Kouremenos (North)
McArthur (BH)
McKinlay (BH)
McClelland (GG)
Miller (FP)
O'Donnell (MF)
Pappas (Caul)
Ristovski (Alt)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Sant (GG)
Terzini (Fawk)
6.Blackley (Ring)
Crapnik (Mar)
Daley (GG)
Svenopoulos (North)
Harrison (GG)

Karsan (Bull)
Fatiniadis (North)
Simovic (St.A)
Trogrlic (Bull)
5.Anlizanovski (Alt)
Bingham (MF)
Burgess (North)
Cassar (MF)
D'Antonio (Mar)
Higgins (Thom)
May (Ring)
Patterson (Juve)
Runje.G (Croy)
Schipano (Fawk)
Todorovski (Alt)
4.Adams (S'vale)
[illegible] (St.A)
Brammer (Croy)
[illegible]
Coker (North)
Contini (Bull)
Cosentino (Fawk)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Davidson (BH)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Janakievski (Thom)
Kebakovski (Alt)
McBride (MF)
Manley (MF)
Palmariccioti (North)
Ramos (North)
Reynolds (MF)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Turudia (North)
Wall (Ring)
Wilson (GG)

1.Bingham (MF)
Bissinger (S'vale)
Byrne (S'vale)
Colina (St.A)
Constantinou.J (North)
Cutler (GG)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Egan (BH)
Filipou (Caul)
Hanna (Fawk)
Hennessy (Thom)
Innes (Mar)
Keenan.G (FP)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Lipscombe (FP)
Manou (Bull)
Mihos (Thom)
Nolan (Ring)
Patricca (Fawk)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Ragusa (Thom)
Roccisietti (Bull)
Rous (FP)
Simovic (St.A)
Stirton (FP)
Wright (MF)

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FALCONS SWOOP ON CROYDON

● SUPERLEAGUE DECISION THIS WEEK?

WE should have known better, of course.

Just as we were settling down to the cosy conviction that the State League title was a two-horse race between Croydon City and Juventus, along came those marauders from the Valley to make nonsense of the predictions.

Falcons' defeat of Croydon not only delighted the Morwell fans, naturally, but it was also good from the point of view of reviving flagging interest.

St Albans too, kept its faint hopes alive with a [illegible] Fawkner, but faltering Altona Gate must have surrendered all hopes of a final [illegible] at Northcote.

Still, for a newly-promoted club the Gate have done very well first up and have nothing to reproach themselves over.

Northcote City, with its one game in hand (will *The Sun* ever get the ladder right?) cruised past Caulfield City into sixth place and still has an outside chance of making the top four.

Caulfield surrendered again at home and the only question mark there is just how low it can finish on the ladder.

Caulfield officials who were disappointed over finishing fifth last year, only one point out of the four, are going to be even sicker this time.

Caulfield doesn't exactly have an easy run home, either; after Altona Gate this week, it still has to face St Albans, Northcote City, Croydon and Juventus, plus a couple of tough away games against battlers like Springvale City and Frankston Pines.

Whilst the Blues are in no danger of relegation they will need to finish high enough to be able to make out a strong case for inclusion in the new Superleague if it comes off.

As I wrote last week, it seems pointless speculating about relegation until we know the outcome of this week's deliberations on the formation of the new League, other than to say that Maribyrnong is undoubtedly going to finish bottom, but who its companion in distress will be is stil unclear.

Ringwood City, with a second gutsy win in succession seems to be hoisting itself into a respectable position and the honour of finishing second last could lie between Springvale, Fawkner and Box Hill.

Dumping its coach hasn't enhanced Fawkner's chances of survival, judging by last Saturday's performance against Green Gully.

Springvale's loss to Pines was a big setback, but there's enough spirit at Vale these days to keep the [illegible] out of danger. I'm sure [illegible] to worsen every week, and to add to its woes, the long-awaited Archie McGeachey didn't arrive and now is expected third week.

Box Hill coach John Brown says he can hardly wait to get McGeachey on the ground, because he has no-one capable of scoring a goal.

The last time theHillmen scored a goal was back on May 21 when they went mad and scored no less than four against Altona Gate.

Box Hill fans must have forgotten what a goal looks like and if and when their next one is scored the team must surely be allowed to do a lap of honour.

After all, it will be an event worth signalling, so far the forwards have toiled for 720 minutes straight without scoring!

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AS we go to press, the State League Management Committee is in the process of forwarding its recommendations regarding the formation of a Super State League to the Board of Management for consideration and possible approval.

The Board will have few knotty problems to unravel too.

First of all, if the formation of the League is approved, it will have to decide on its size; should it consist of 10, 12 or even 14 clubs?

Some members, I know, would like to see as few as 10, others favour more, claiming that with only 10, the season would be too short.

Secondly, presuming that Melbourne JUST and Heidelberg would be two certain members, who would comprise the remaining 8, 10, or 12?

Will the criteria laid down be strictly adhered to, because if they are, several of the present leading State league clubs would not be eligible.

Will the selection dare to look outside the present [illegible] not.

There is considerable scepticism abroad regarding the criteria, with some people concerned that we are about to witness the birth of another ethnic-orientated League.

At least one club president I know wants all interested clubs to put in $1000 each to pay for a professional, independent survey of all applicant clubs.

Let us speculate for a moment on what would happen if a club well outside the metropolitan area, like say, Sunbury which has excellent social facilities.

If it was able to satisfy the criteria and indicated its willingness to strengthen its team, would it be considered?

And will clubs like Mooroolbark, Albion and Sandringham, all at the moment scrapping for promotion to the State League be considered in the reshuffle, or will they merely end up in a second-grade State league, no stronger than the First Division they have left?

All these posers and many more, face our legislators yet strangely, we hear no dissenting voices.

Are last year's dissentors still hibernating?

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THIS WEEK'S
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In the wake of Morwell Falcons' stunning victory over Croydon City last week this weekend's round of games assumes even more importance.

Last week's win was vital to Falcons, a loss to Croydon would virtually have ended their title hopes.

On Saturday they get another chance to pin back the leaders as they take on Brunswick Juventus in the Valley.

Juventus at present is two points clear with a game in hand and a one goal better goal difference.

That is virtually a five point lead, which means that nothing less than a win will do for a Falcons.

I don't know what is in either coach's mind, but I'll bet that's what Bob McLachlan will be drumming into his players' heads.

Manfred Schaefer will no doubt go out for a win and be happy to come back with a point.

Either way, it should be a cracking encounter.

Croydon City will be hoping to bounce back in the Eastern Derby with Ringwood City, but had better be warned not to take the Orangemen lightly. As Bob McLachlan can testify, *they are not to be taken lightly, especially at* Jubilee Park.

The weekend's games, probable winners in capitals: (Note that Maribyrnong's game is at Bulleen.)

SATURDAY: **ALTONA GATE** v Caulfield City at Paisley Reserve, Morwell Falcons v Brunswick Juventus (draw) at North Crinigan Reserve.

SUNDAY: **GREEN GULLY** v Box Hill at Gully Reserve, Maribyrnong v **BULLEEN** at Veneto Club, Ringwood v **CROYDON CITY** at Juvilee Park, **THOMASTOWN** v Frankston Pines at Partridge Reserve, Fawkner v **NORTHCOTE CITY** at Smith Reserve, Springvale City v **ST ALBANS** at Ross Reserve.

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MANSFIELD BUNNEY LEAGUE CUP

St Albans Dynamo 2 Footscray Un 1
Middle East 2 Montrose 4
ANZ Bank 2 [illegible] 1
Highpoint 0 Springvale Eagles 2
Fleming. Florida 0 Altona Un. 1
Ardeer 4 Math. Romania 2
Glenroy Sozo Un 3 Tottenham 2
Epping Thistle 3 Flamingo 4

MANSFIELD BUNNEY INVITATION CUP

Springv. Eagles 3 Nth. Dand. Spur 4
Flamingo A Tottenham A
Youth Un 0 Highpoint 0
Apollo Un A Windsor A
Montrose 1 pen. 7 Croton A 1 pen 6
Middle East 1 Elwood Un 4
Coomoora Sp 0 Math Romania 3
Middle P 1 pen 4 Bowr. Un 1 pen 3

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION — Catch up matches

Harambee 3 res 1 Gold C 1 res 0
Gold C S 3 res 2 Nth. Timor 5 res 2
[illegible] W Westall [illegible] 0
Tezalias Un 3 Keeley K 1
Kafor 0 0 0 Altona Nth Terzian 2
Sunshine Un 2 Alexander the G 3
Endeavour Un 1 Embassy Texts 1
Dingley 0 Sunshine Macedonia 6

TWO-DIVISION STATE LEAGUE NEXT YEAR

The State League will be divided into two divisions of 12 clubs each for the 1990 season, the State League Management Committee decided on Tuesday night.

The plan, still to be ratified by the Board of Management, calls for the clubs finishing in the top ten League positions at the end of this season to join Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST in the new Super League.

The rest, including the promoted clubs from the First Division will be known as the State League.

In the event of the State League champion winning promotion to the NSL, the 11th placed team in the State League will be promoted to the Super League.

All the clubs eligible for the Super League must conform to the criteria regarding facilities ground and amenities, etc.

If the criteria test is genuinely adhered to, some clubs in the top ten could be ruled ineligible.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Albion	1	V	N'wad	0
S'ham	0	V	Dove'n	1
Oakl'h	0	V	M'bark	0
Knox	0	V	Mord	2
D'nong	1	V	B'mead	2
E'don	0	V	W'bee	0
W'gte	0	V	W.Subs	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'ham	18	9	5	4	32	16	23
M'bark	16	9	5	2	24	9	23
Albion	17	8	7	2	30	11	23
Knox	16	9	1	6	25	23	19
Oakl'h	16	6	6	4	21	14	18
Mord	17	5	8	4	22	19	18
E'don	18	6	6	6	17	21	18
W'bee	17	6	4	7	15	19	16
W.Subs	17	5	6	6	13	19	16
N'wad	15	6	3	6	25	20	15
B'mead	18	5	5	8	18	21	15
W'gte	16	5	4	7	14	18	14
Dove'n	18	6	2	10	22	37	14
D'nong	17	1	2	14	13	34	4

RESERVES

Albion	1	V	N'wad	2
S'ham	2	V	Dove'n	2
Oakl'h	2	V	M'bark	0
Knox	10	V	Mord	0
D'nong	2	V	B'mead	3
E'don	1	V	W'bee	3
W'gte	3	V	W.Subs	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albion	16	11	1	4	30	18	23
M'bark	17	9	3	5	35	21	21
Knox	14	8	4	2	42	15	20
N'wad	16	9	2	5	29	21	20
Dove'n	16	7	6	3	23	17	20
B'mead	16	7	4	5	28	23	18
S'ham	16	5	5	6	38	32	15
Oakl'h	16	3	8	5	27	24	14
E'don	16	6	1	9	20	24	13
D'nong	17	5	3	9	19	23	13
Mord	16	5	3	8	30	51	13
W.Subs	16	6	1	9	15	36	13
W'gte	14	5	0	9	21	38	10
W'bee	16	4	1	11	20	34	9

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

C'ton H	1	V	Pt Mel	0
R'wood		V	N.Geel	
Y'ville	1	V	R'mond	2
B'ton	2	V	Don Rv	0
Geel	3	V	Coburg	3
Keilor	3	V	S'bury	0
Wav.C	3	V	H'berg	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor	18	11	3	4	30	16	25
N.Geel	17	10	3	4	36	19	23
Pt Mel	17	10	3	4	32	22	23
Geel	18	9	4	5	28	26	22
B'ton	17	8	5	4	26	19	21
R'mond	17	10	1	6	32	27	21
R'wood	16	7	5	4	27	24	19
Wav.C	18	7	3	8	31	27	17
C'ton H	17	7	3	7	23	22	17
Coburg	16	5	6	5	25	24	16
Don Rv	18	4	6	8	13	21	14
S'bury	17	4	3	10	17	30	11
H'berg	17	3	1	13	21	39	7
Y'ville	17	1	2	14	9	34	4

RESERVES

C'ton H	2	V	Pt Mel	1
R'wood		V	N.Geel	
Y'ville	0	V	R'mond	7
B'ton	3	V	Don Rv	2
Geel	3	V	Coburg	1
Keilor	0	V	S'bury	0
Wav.C	7	V	H'berg	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	15	13	1	1	39	11	27
C'ton H	15	11	2	2	40	16	24
N.Geel	16	10	1	5	45	26	21
Keilor	13	9	2	2	27	16	20
Don Rv	15	7	1	7	39	27	15
Pt Mel	15	7	1	7	33	23	15
R'mond	16	6	3	7	33	43	15
Wav.C	15	7	0	8	32	26	14
R'wood	15	7	0	8	29	36	14
Geel	14	5	2	7	30	30	12
S'bury	18	4	3	11	28	39	11
H'berg	16	3	4	9	22	38	10
Y'ville	15	4	0	11	19	65	8
Coburg	14	2	2	10	15	45	6

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Y'ourn	1	V	M'bin	4
Elt/D.V	1	V	S'ford	0
M'ton	3	V	C/Geel	1
Bell Pk	1	V	C'inda	2
C'sea	1	V	H'thon	0
Holl Pk	0	V	Lalor	2
S'vale	1	V	Altona	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	18	14	2	2	46	11	30
C'sea	18	10	5	3	35	19	25
C/geel	18	9	5	4	27	15	23
Elt/d.V	18	8	5	5	25	20	21
M'ton	18	8	5	5	23	19	21
S'ford	18	8	4	6	34	19	20
Holl Pk	18	9	1	8	34	25	19
M'bin	18	7	4	7	24	27	18
C'inda	18	6	6	6	25	30	18
Lalor	17	7	3	7	20	31	17
S'vale	18	3	6	9	17	31	12
Y'ourn	18	3	5	10	16	36	11
H'thon	17	2	4	11	20	32	8
Altona	18	2	3	13	20	51	7

Y'ourn	0	V	M'bin	2
Elt/D.V	1	V	S'ford	0
M'ton	4	V	C/Geel	0
Bell Pk	2	V	C'inda	6
C'sea	1	V	H'thorn	2
Holl Pk		V	Lalor	
S'vale	3	V	Altona	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bin	16	11	3	2	53	17	25
Elt/d.V	15	12	1	2	41	17	25
S'ford	18	10	2	6	42	20	22
Bell Pk	17	9	3	5	29	25	21
C'inda	17	9	2	6	43	40	20
S'vale	16	8	3	5	37	29	19
Altona	18	7	4	7	33	31	18
C'sea	16	8	0	8	35	32	16
Holl Pk	15	6	2	7	29	36	14
Lalor	16	4	5	7	24	30	13
H'thorn	16	5	3	8	22	32	13
M'ton	18	5	2	11	22	38	12
C/geel	17	5	1	11	30	38	11
Y'ourn	17	1	1	15	12	67	3

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

Brun/Iv	2	V	L'warr	1
W'town	3	V	FTGully	3
K'ingal	0	V	Cl'ton	0
Bent	2	V	P'vale	2
Boronia		V	R'anna	
Keysbro	1	V	Hamlyn	5
Regent	3	V	More.Pk	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	18	12	4	2	50	23	28
Bent	18	11	6	1	44	20	28
Hamlyn	17	11	3	3	44	24	25
Brun/iv	18	9	6	3	28	14	24
Regent	18	8	4	6	23	16	20
L'warr	17	6	5	6	24	20	17
K'ingal	18	7	3	8	26	23	17
P'vale	18	5	6	7	16	28	16
More.Pk	18	6	2	10	27	38	14
R'anna	16	5	4	7	22	34	14
Ftgully	18	4	5	9	18	29	13
Keysbro	18	3	5	10	17	33	11
W'town	18	2	6	10	19	37	10
Boronia	16	2	5	9	12	31	9

RESERVES

Brun/Iv	1	V	L'warr	1
W'town	1	V	FTGully	3
K'ingal		V	Cl'ton	
Bent	2	V	P'vale	0
Boronia		V	R'anna	
Keysbro	2	V	Hamlyn	8
Regent	3	V	More.Pk	7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	16	11	2	3	26	17	24
Brun/iv	18	8	6	4	35	21	22
L'warr	17	8	6	3	32	21	22
Bent	17	7	6	4	39	32	20
More.Pk	16	6	5	5	27	23	17
Regent	16	5	6	5	27	28	16
Hamlyn	15	7	1	7	29	24	15
Ftgully	17	6	3	8	26	26	15
Keysbrn	18	6	3	9	29	37	15
K'ingal	15	6	2	7	22	19	14
R'anna	16	5	4	7	24	30	14
W'town	18	6	2	10	26	38	14
Boronia	14	4	3	7	17	24	11
P'vale	15	4	1	10	17	36	9

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Oak.Sub	1	V	W Mead	0
B'wick	1	V	Prahran	3
W Vale	0	V	Berwick	0
S'vale	5	V	S Yarra	2
Malvern	4	V	Melton	0
N.Sun	1	V	Mossf'	1
F Geel	2	V	Wav'ly	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	17	14	3	0	39	12	31
Prahran	18	10	7	1	44	27	27
Berwick	17	11	1	5	36	21	23
W Vale	17	8	5	4	27	18	21
W Mead	16	9	1	6	29	24	19
N.Sun	16	8	2	6	37	26	18
Mossf'	18	6	4	8	25	25	16
Malvern	16	6	3	7	24	28	15
Melton	18	5	5	8	27	33	15
B'wick	16	4	4	8	19	28	12
E Geel	16	3	2	11	21	41	8
Wav'ly	17	3	1	13	19	42	7
S Yarra	18	1	2	15	15	44	4

RESERVES

Oak.Sub	2	V	W Mead	2
B'wick	2	V	Prahran	3
W Vale	1	V	Berwick	0
S'vale	2	V	S Yarra	1
Malvern	1	V	Melton	2
N.Sun	2	V	Mossf'	2
E Geel	1	V	Wav'ly	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	18	13	2	3	51	16	28
N.Sun	14	10	2	2	39	16	22
Malvern	16	10	2	4	40	30	22
S'vale	14	9	2	3	24	16	20
Melton	18	7	5	6	27	21	19
W Mead	14	8	3	3	30	25	19
W Vale	15	6	4	5	22	17	16
Mossf'	16	5	5	6	35	38	15
Berwick	16	4	5	7	21	30	13
B'wick	15	4	4	7	21	30	12
S Yarra	16	3	5	8	24	34	11
Wav'ly	17	4	2	11	21	48	10
E Geel	16	2	4	10	21	36	8
Oak.Sub	15	2	3	10	13	32	7

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

S Dandy	3	V	Altona Eas	2
Br'tons	1	V	F'kston	0
Port Un	0	V	Uni Melb	3
Monash	0	V	Ball't	1
Cranb'n	1	V	Ascot	2
Glenroy	2	V	Lalor	1
F.Hill	4	V	S.S'vale	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.Hill	18	11	5	2	44	17	27
S S'val	18	10	6	2	34	16	26
Altona	18	12	2	4	36	23	26
S Dandy	17	10	2	5	43	27	22
Ascot	17	8	6	3	33	18	22
Cranb'n	18	8	6	4	34	20	22
Br'tons	17	8	5	4	30	17	21
Uni Mel	18	6	6	6	22	25	18
Port Un	18	5	4	9	23	38	14
Ball't	18	5	4	9	20	35	14
Glenroy	18	4	3	11	22	42	11
Lalor	17	1	7	9	18	35	9
F'kston	18	1	7	10	14	32	9
Monash	18	2	3	13	12	40	7

RESERVES

S Dandy	1	V	Altona Eas	2
Br'tons	2	V	F'kston	0
Port Un	1	V	Uni Melb	4
Monash		V	Ball't	
Cranb'n	0	V	Ascot	5
Glenroy	2	V	Lalor	2
F.Hill	3	V	S.S'vale	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Mel	18	13	2	3	45	17	28
Altona	17	9	7	1	34	20	25
Ascot	17	9	3	5	39	24	21
F.Hill	17	8	4	5	31	28	20
S Dandy	15	8	3	4	33	19	19
F'kston	18	8	2	8	28	29	18
Ball't	17	6	5	6	28	19	17
Lalor	16	6	4	6	36	31	16
Glenroy	17	7	2	8	34	40	16
Cranb'n	17	3	8	6	18	31	14
S S'val	17	5	3	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Br'tons	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	11	20	39	10
[illegible]	15	2	4	9	13	29	8
Port Un	14	2	3	9	18	41	7

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Kew	1	V	Med.Pk.	1
Lyndale	1	V	Mitcham	1
Altona	1	V	W'tirna	2
Monbulk	2	V	Batman	1
Ringw'd	0	V	Brandon	2
Carrum	1	V	Nth Clayto	1
R'dale	1	V	Fitzroy	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy	18	12	4	2	35	20	28
Lyndale	17	12	2	3	41	20	26
Brandon	17	10	4	3	29	16	24
Kew	18	8	7	3	26	19	23
W'tirna	18	7	5	6	41	27	19
Med.Pk.	16	7	5	4	24	22	19
Mitcham	17	7	3	7	32	37	17
Altona	17	6	4	7	15	19	16
Monbulk	17	4	6	7	16	16	14
Carrum	16	3	7	6	21	24	13
Ringw'd	17	2	9	6	22	29	13
Batman	17	2	8	7	26	31	12
R'dale	16	2	4	10	21	44	8
Nth Cla	17	1	4	12	17	42	6

RESERVES

Kew	2	V	Med.Pk.	1
Lyndale	4	V	Mitcham	1
Altona	0	V	W'tirna	1
Monbulk	6	V	Batman	3
Ringw'd	1	V	Brandon	1
Carrum	4	V	N.Clayton	1
R'dale	4	V	Fitzroy	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	17	12	1	4	39	30	25
Monbulk	17	11	3	3	44	24	25
W'tirna	15	11	1	3	47	22	23
Kew	18	9	5	4	45	26	23
Batman	16	10	2	4	46	17	22
R'dale	17	9	3	5	37	27	21
Brandon	16	8	4	4	39	26	20
Altona	17	5	3	9	36	45	14
Med.Pk.	14	6	1	7	36	54	13
Carrum	16	5	2	9	40	54	12
Mitcham	16	4	3	9	24	35	11
Ringw'd	16	3	0	13	20	44	[illegible]
Fitzroy	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N.Clayt	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	18	50	4

AMATEUR LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Oak U	3	V	Keilor	2
L'robe		V	Bye	
E Rich	2	V	Coll'wd	0
Balwyn	1	V	H'thorn	1
North U	3	V	Phillip	2
Diggers	2	V	Wav.Wand	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	15	13	1	1	47	17	27
H'thorn	16	11	4	1	47	22	26
Oak U	17	6	8	3	37	36	20
Wav.Wan	15	8	3	4	40	27	19
Balwyn	14	7	4	3	44	29	18
Phillip	14	4	5	5	22	27	13
Diggers	15	4	4	7	28	29	12
Coll'wd	16	4	3	9	21	32	11
North U	15	4	3	8	17	33	11
Keilor	16	2	2	12	20	48	6
L'robe	15	0	5	10	23	46	5
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

Oak U	5	V	Keilor	0
L'robe U		V	Bye	
E Rich	0	V	Coll'wd	1
Balwyn	2	V	H'thon	0
North U	2	V	Phillip	1
Diggers	2	V	Wav.Wand	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Coll'wd	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	15	10	2	3	35	20	22
Balwyn	14	10	1	3	41	27	21
E Rich	15	8	3	4	56	41	19
Phillip	14	5	5	4	26	21	15
L'robe	15	7	0	8	39	42	14
North U	14	4	5	5	19	30	13
Diggers	15	4	4	7	36	40	12
Oak U	15	4	3	8	35	41	11
H'thon	15	0	6	9	18	39	6
Keilor	16	2	2	12	30	63	6
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

C'corde	3	V	Maccabi	10
Yarra U	4	V	Furlan	0
O Scots	1	V	R.M.I.T.	0
Mel.Uni	4	V	C'well G	3
E.Hills	1	V	D.Valley	2
I'city	2	V	Upfield	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra U	18	14	1	3	73	30	29
O Scots	17	13	2	2	66	27	28
Mel.Uni	17	13	1	3	58	17	27
C'well	17	12	0	5	73	36	24
Upfield	17	9	4	4	59	30	22
D.Valle	17	5	7	5	30	27	17
Furlan	17	5	4	8	32	42	14
E.Hills	17	5	3	9	39	42	13
Maccabi	16	5	3	8	44	48	13
R.M.I.T	17	3	4	10	34	55	10
I'city	18	3	2	13	18	46	8
C'corde	18	0	1	17	16	147	1

RESERVES

C'corde	0	V	Maccabi	3
Yarra U	6	V	Furlan	4
O Scots	6	V	R.M.I.T.	0
Mel.Uni	2	V	C'well G	2
E.Hills	0	V	D.Valley	0
I'city	2	V	Upfield	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	18	11	5	2	38	18	27
E.Hills	17	10	5	2	37	22	25
O Scots	16	10	4	2	44	18	24
Furlan	18	9	2	7	42	33	20
Mel.Uni	17	8	4	5	43	25	20
I'city	16	8	2	6	40	17	18
Upfield	15	8	1	6	32	27	17
Yarra U	12	7	2	3	43	26	16
D.Valle	14	5	3	6	29	31	13
Maccabi	17	4	0	13	13	59	8
R.M.I.T	15	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	15	59	[illegible]
C'corde	15	0	0	15	4	85	0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

CLAYTON	9	V	ELWOOD	0
MEL CTY	2	V	B,MARIS	3
MORDI	7	V	O,LEIGH SU	1
BYE		V	MORDI B	
E,BENT	2	V	CONDORS	1
E,RICH	0	V	C,FIELD	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B,maris	12	10	2	0	80	10	22
Clayton	12	8	3	1	65	13	19
Mordi	11	8	2	1	55	4	18
E,rich	12	5	5	2	46	9	15
C,field	11	6	2	3	21	15	14
Condors	12	5	2	5	39	26	12
Mel Cty	11	4	2	5	50	28	10
Elwood	12	3	2	7	33	59	8
E,bent	12	3	0	9	18	63	6
O,leigh	10	1	0	9	4	79	2
Mordi B	11	0	0	11	1	106	0

EASTERN A

Mitcham		V	Knox.A	
Cr'don.C	3	V	Bulleen	3
S'valeA	4	V	W'ley.U	2
Cla'nda	3	V	B.Hill	1
W'ley.Cty	1	V	Muna.C	3
Donc.R	0	V	F. HILL	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'valeA	13	12	0	1	98	9	24
Cr'don.C	12	9	2	1	65	15	20
Knox.A	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
W'ley.U	13	9	0	4	62	18	18
F. Hill	13	6	2	5	30	24	14
Bulleen	13	6	1	6	43	23	13
Donc.R	13	5	2	6	24	49	12
Mitcham	12	5	1	6	37	33	11
W'ley.C	13	3	1	9	17	67	7
Muna.C	12	2	1	9	19	82	5
Cla'nda	13	2	1	10	7	75	5
B.Hill	13	2	0	11	11	88	4

EASTERN B

KNOX CTY C	0	V	KNOX CTY B	3
B,DON PK	0	V	BORONIA	0
S,BROOK	1	V	H,TON PK	4
ELTHAM	7	V	S,VALE CTY	2
OAKLEIGH	1	V	G/W,LEY	2
M,BARK	6	V	BRI,TON	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M,bark	13	11	1	1	63	4	23
G/w.Ley	13	10	2	1	51	12	22
H,ton P	12	9	0	3	53	15	18
Eltham	13	8	1	4	30	17	17
Knox Ct	12	6	3	3	37	11	15
Oakleig	12	6	3	3	37	15	15
S.vale	13	5	2	6	31	39	12
B.don P	12	3	5	4	17	18	11
Boronia	13	3	4	6	13	39	10
Knox Ct	12	1	2	9	9	55	4
S,brook	12	1	1	10	8	43	3
Bri,ton	13	0	0	13	3	84	0

NORTHERN

N,COTE CTY	4	V	LALOR	1
MEL,CROATI	1	V	T,TOWN	4
H,BERG UTD	0	V	B.U.JUVE	6
PRESTON A		V	LALOR UTD	
MALVERN	5	V	N,COLL UTD	0
BYE		V	FAWKNER	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
T,town	12	9	2	1	38	9	20
B.U.Juv	12	8	4	0	30	8	20
Fawkner	10	9	1	0	36	1	19
Lalor	11	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	15	8	18
Malvern	12	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	17	26	10
Mel.Cro	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	30	21	9
N,cote	12	4	0	8	21	26	8
N,coll	11	3	1	7	14	25	7
Lalor	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7
Preston	10	2	1	7	12	25	5
H,berg	12	1	1	10	5	44	3

NTH/WEST A

H,BERG B	1	V	E/BUNS/SHD	0
WES,GATE		V	BYE	
MED,PARK		V	BYE	
ESS,DON	6	V	SYD,PARK	0
WEST SUBS	1	V	NTH,RES	1
REGENT		V	SUNBURY	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth,res	11	10	1	0	81	4	21
West Su	11	8	2	1	72	7	18
Ess,don	10	8	0	2	65	10	16
Regent	10	6	1	3	26	24	13
Syd,par	11	4	3	4	17	21	11
Med,par	8	3	1	4	9	19	7
Sunbury	10	3	0	7	12	30	6
Wes,gat	10	2	1	7	14	34	5
H,berg	10	1	1	8	1	82	3
E/buns/	11	1	0	10	8	74	2

NTH/WEST B

N,COTE CTY	2	V	R,ANNA	1
KEON PARK	4	V	Y,VILLE B	0
SUN,PARK	8	V	PRESTON B	0
WESTVALE	11	V	LALOR UTD	0
M,MEDS	5	V	MACCABI	1
ALTONA EAS	0	V	G,GULLY	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sun,par	11	11	0	0	64	3	22
Keon Pa	12	10	1	1	36	4	21
M,eads	13	9	2	2	33	14	20
Westval	12	8	3	1	67	5	19
Maccabi	13	6	3	4	43	21	15
R,anna	12	5	1	6	38	23	11
[illegible]	13	5	1	7	21	41	11
Lalor U	13	4	1	8	21	48	9
N,cote	11	2	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	40	[illegible]
Y,ville	13	1	3	9	5	48	[illegible]
Altona	12	0	2	10	3	65	2

PENINSULA

F,PINES	5	V	F,STON UTD	0
DOVETON	0	V	P,SULA	7
LYNDALE	0	V	C,BOURNE	4
SS,VALE B	0	V	L,WARN	3
DINGLEY	2	V	S,VALE UTD	1
S,DANDY	1	V	SS,VALE A	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F,pines	12	11	1	0	68	9	23
P,sula	13	9	2	2	66	27	20
C,bourn	12	9	2	1	41	7	20
F,ston	13	9	1	3	42	20	19
S,vale	13	6	2	5	41	24	14
S,dandy	13	5	4	4	20	20	14
Doveton	13	6	0	7	24	54	12
Dingley	12	4	1	7	19	23	9
L,warn	13	3	1	9	9	45	7
Ss,vale	13	3	0	10	14	38	6
Lyndale	12	2	0	10	15	30	4
Ss,vale	13	1	2	10	6	68	4

WESTERN A

BYE		V	ST,ALBANS	
MELTON	0	V	Y,VILLE	4
GEORGE X	0	V	KEILOR	1
N,GEEL	1	V	SUN HTS	2
BYE		V	BYE	
E,GEEL	1	V	A,GATE	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
St,alba	9	9	0	0	45	6	18
N,geel	10	7	0	3	40	[illegible]	14
Sun Hts	10	6	1	3	28	14	13
Y,ville	10	6	1	3	29	8	13
A,gate	9	3	3	3	14	11	9
Keilor	10	4	1	5	20	38	9
E,geel	10	2	4	4	6	25	8
Melton	10	1	2	7	8	36	4
George	10	0	0	10	2	36	0

UNDER 12

CEN/PEN A

CLAYTON	5	V	GLEN WAVER	[illegible]
MUNA CTY		V	P,SULA	
[illegible]	[illegible]	V	E,BENT	[illegible]
B,MARIS	[illegible]	V	L,WARN	3
[illegible]	[illegible]	V	BRIGHTON	[illegible]
E,RICH	[illegible]	V	C,FIELD	4

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,Hade	13	11	1	1	60	13	23
P,dale	11	10	0	1	57	5	20
Clayton	13	10	1	2	38	12	21
Nuna	13	6	2	5	27	19	14
E,waris	13	6	1	6	26	26	13
Brighto	13	5	3	5	21	26	13
L,warn	13	3	6	4	13	14	12
C,bent	13	5	1	7	25	40	11
E/rich	12	2	4	6	13	25	8
Baxter	13	2	2	9	7	39	6
Glen Wa	12	1	3	8	10	42	5
B,ong	12	1	1	10	12	51	3

CEN/PEN B

DL.VALE 1 V ELWOOD 8
CHELSEA 1 V MITCHAM B 2
SEAFORD B 1 V C,BOURNE 1
E,GREENS 5 V SAN,HAM 0
KARINGAL 1 V BERWICK B 1
M,TON 4 V CONDORS 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,bourn	13	12	1	0	56	9	25
Elwood	13	11	0	2	90	6	22
Condors	13	10	1	2	59	14	21
Mitcham	13	8	2	3	47	25	18
Seaford	13	7	2	4	39	27	16
E,grave	13	4	5	4	24	14	13
Sa,vale	13	5	2	6	28	25	12
Chelsea	13	3	2	8	22	40	8
Berwick	13	2	4	7	14	44	8
San,ham	13	2	4	7	13	45	8
Karinga	13	1	2	10	5	60	4
M,ton	13	0	1	12	3	78	1

EASTERN A

MITCHAM B V F,STON UTD
SEAFORD 2 V M,BARK 1
S,VALE CTY 2 V WAV,UTD 0
CLARINDA 6 V SEAFORD A 4
MONBULK 5 V BERWICK A 5
S,ROWENA 0 V F,HILL 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	12	12	0	0	50	11	24
F,Hill	12	8	3	1	37	9	19
S,vale	13	9	1	3	29	12	19
Mitcham	12	8	2	2	42	5	18
Berwick	13	5	4	4	25	14	14
F,ston	12	5	4	3	17	16	14
Rowton	13	5	4	4	21	18	14
Clarind	13	5	2	6	19	26	12
Wav,utd	12	3	2	7	17	25	8
B,rowe	12	1	2	9	8	37	4
M,bark	11	0	0	11	5	44	0
Monbulk	11	0	0	11	5	64	0

NORTHERN A

BYE V BULLEEN
PRESTON V T,TOWN
H,BERG UTD 0 V LALOR 2
B.U.JUVE 0 V FAWKNER 1
MALVERN 0 V M,RES 7
REGENT V M,MED

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	12	10	1	1	26	7	21
M,res	11	7	3	1	28	13	17
Regent	11	5	5	1	30	17	15
Bulleen	11	5	4	2	14	7	14
T,town	11	4	4	3	15	13	12
H,berg	12	4	3	5	11	13	11
B.U.Juv	12	3	3	6	18	13	9
M,med	11	3	3	5	16	13	9
Preston	11	2	4	5	9	16	8
Fawkner	12	1	2	7	18	32	8
Malvern	12	0	2	10	6	57	2

NORTHERN B

N,COTE CTY V PT,MELB
N,CROATIA V BYE
E,BOAS V BUNDOORA
E,THAM V BYE
ESS,DON V E,BRUN/THN
KEON PK V LALOR UTD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor U	9	9	0	0	46	4	18
M,croat	10	5	3	2	40	9	13
Pt,melb	10	5	3	2	26	26	13
Ess,don	9	5	1	3	21	12	11
E,brun/	9	4	3	2	25	11	11
N,cote	10	4	1	5	19	21	9
Bundoor	8	3	1	4	16	22	7
Keon Pk	9	3	0	6	17	31	6
E,tham	11	1	3	7	17	29	5
G,bora	9	1	2	6	9	29	4

WESTERN A

BYE V SUN,UTD
MELTON V ST ALBANS
BYE V KEILOR
N,GEE V ALTONA CTY
A/PK/NETY V SUN PARK
C,ALTON V BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N,gee	8	6	1	1	25	5	13
Sun,Uta	7	6	0	1	19	2	12
St Alba	6	4	1	1	16	4	9
Sun Par	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Altona	7	3	1	3	16	10	7
Melton	7	2	1	4	2	8	5
C,alton	6	2	0	4	6	24	4
Keilor	6	1	1	4	4	24	3
Hip/Fai	5	0	1	4	2	13	1

WESTERN B

ALBION V K,VALE
BYE V ALTONA GAT
GEORGE 1 V MELB CTY
NTH,SUN V BYE
W,SUBS V SYD PARK
BYE V BRIGHTONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth,sun	6	4	0	2	15	5	8
Altona	5	3	0	2	14	5	6
Melb Ct	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
K,vale	4	2	0	2	14	4	4
W,subs	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
George	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Albion	4	1	1	2	4	19	3
Brighton	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Syd Par	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

BENT GR 0 V SEAFORD 0
DONC.R 7 V M/BARK 0
L,NDALE 3 V C,BOURNE 0
CLARINDA 3 V L,WARN 0
WAV/LEY CT 2 V B,MARIS 2
E/RICH 3 V CROYDON 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent Gr	13	10	3	0	53	6	23
Clarind	13	10	2	1	40	10	22
Lyndale	13	8	3	2	32	12	19
E/rich	12	8	2	2	33	13	18
B,maris	13	6	5	2	35	20	17
Donc.R	13	7	2	4	39	18	16
Wav/ley	12	6	1	5	33	27	13
C,bourn	12	1	4	7	5	23	6
Seaford	13	3	0	10	15	66	6
L,warn	12	2	0	10	14	45	4
M/bark	12	1	2	9	10	48	4
Croydon	12	1	0	11	11	52	2

EASTERN B

R,WOOD CTY 5 V MONBULK 2
HASTINGS 0 V WAV,UTD 17
MORDI 9 V HAMPTON 0
SD/VALE 0 V DANDY 0
E,BENT V BYE
M,TON 4 V F,HILL 2

Mordi	12	9	3	0	76	6	21
Wav,utd	12	9	1	2	75	13	19
E,bent	11	9	1	1	58	9	19
Sd/vale	12	5	4	3	25	15	14
R,wood	11	5	3	3	31	29	13
Hampton	12	6	0	6	45	45	12
M,ton	13	4	1	8	25	40	9
F,hill	11	3	2	6	24	30	8
Dandy	11	3	1	7	17	47	7
Monbulk	12	2	1	9	15	97	5
Hasting	12	0	2	10	4	104	2

NTH/WEST A

N'COTE 1 V NTH.SUN 1
MELB.CROAT 1 V ALT.GATE 0
LALOR 1 V BRUN.CTY 1
LALOR UTD 0 V ALT.CTY 2
WEST.SUBS 1 V FAWKNER 1
REGENT V BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	11	7	4	0	40	8	18
West.Su	10	7	1	2	38	17	15
Alt.Cy	12	7	1	4	29	18	15
Alt.Gat	11	6	3	2	26	9	15
Regent	9	6	2	1	22	7	14
Melb.Cr	11	4	3	4	21	13	11
Nth.Sun	10	2	3	5	12	21	7
N'cote	10	2	3	5	12	26	7
Lalor U	9	2	0	7	13	21	4
Brun.Cy	10	1	2	7	6	41	4
Lalor	11	0	2	9	5	52	2

NTH/WEST B

MORELAND V ALBION
BYE V T.TOWN
ESS.CTY V SYD.PK
S.G.I. V BYE
P.MONE V CLIF.HILL
E.GEEL V NEW.COLL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ess.Cy	10	9	1	0	53	5	19
T.Town	9	6	1	2	39	10	13
Morelan	10	5	3	2	22	13	13
S.G.I.	9	5	1	3	28	17	11
Albion	8	4	1	3	25	18	9
Syd.Pk	9	4	0	5	17	56	8
E.Geel	9	2	2	5	13	21	6
Clif.Hi	10	2	2	6	8	31	6
New.Col	8	0	3	5	5	24	3
P.Mone	8	1	0	7	8	41	2

NTH/WEST C

M.FIEL RAN 2 V NTH.UTD 3
ROSANNA 0 V YARRAVILLE 6
PRESTON B V SUNBURY
EL.THAM 5 V B.MEADOWS 0
WERRIBEE V BYE
WESTGATE V KEON.PK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarravi	11	11	0	0	70	4	22
Werribe	11	8	1	2	35	14	17
Preston	9	6	1	2	27	19	13
Nth.Utd	11	4	5	2	23	24	13
Keon.Pk	10	5	1	4	30	19	11
Rosanna	12	5	1	6	24	33	11
Westgat	10	3	3	4	20	22	9
Eltham	12	3	2	7	20	36	8
Sunbury	11	3	1	7	17	38	7
M.Fiel	10	2	1	7	8	27	5
B.Meado	11	0	2	9	4	42	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

MITCHAM 2 V F/STON UTD 0
B/VALE CTY 1 V PRESTON A 2
G,GULLY 2 V CLAYTON 1
B,U.JUVE 9 V H/BERG UTD 0
ST ALBANS 3 V KARINGAL 0
E,ALTONA 5 V C.FIELD CT 1

E,alton	12	8	1	3	33	13	17
B/vale	12	7	3	2	31	16	17
Preston	12	7	3	2	27	15	17
B,u.Juv	12	7	2	3	30	8	16
Mitcham	13	6	4	3	15	13	16
H/berg	12	7	2	3	19	20	16
St Alba	13	5	2	6	19	27	12
F/ston	12	4	2	6	15	19	10
G,gully	13	3	4	6	19	26	10
C.Field	13	2	4	7	14	30	8
Karinga	12	1	4	7	13	30	6
Clayton	12	1	1	10	12	40	3

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

MITCHAM V BYE
D,LEIGH 7 V BULLEEN 1
BYE V WAV UTD
CLARINDA 3 V SEAFORD 3
F/STON PIN 3 V NUNA 0
B,MARIS 0 V SD/VALE 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	11	8	1	2	33	14	17
Clarind	11	5	5	1	22	14	15
Mitcham	10	6	2	2	33	8	14
O,leigh	9	6	1	2	34	12	13
F/stan	11	5	3	3	26	14	13
Sd/vale	11	4	2	5	21	24	10
Nuna	10	3	3	4	20	40	9
Bulleen	10	4	0	6	9	20	8
Wav Utd	10	2	0	8	10	36	4
B,maris	11	0	1	10	14	52	1

EASTERN B

BOX HILL 6 V G,WAV 0
BYE V PK,MORE
S/VALE UTD 3 V OAK SUBS 1
F.T.G 0 V S/VALE CTY 4
MACCABI 0 V BERWICK 3
WAV CTY 2 V C,FIELD 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Wav Cty	11	8	3	0	57	3	19
Oak Sub	11	8	3	0	52	11	19
Berwick	12	8	1	3	36	22	17
Pk,more	10	7	1	2	48	14	15
C,Field	11	5	2	4	23	17	12
S/vale	11	4	3	4	30	23	11
S/vala	12	4	2	6	24	24	10
G,wav	8	0	0	0	1	1	0
Box Hil	10	2	2	6	17	45	6
F.T.G	12	1	1	10	15	53	3
Maccabi	11	0	0	11	2	79	0

EASTERN C

HASTINGS 0 V F.STON UTD 3
CLAYTON 1 V DONC.ROV 3
SHER.RANG 9 V OAKLEIGH B 0
CROYDON V L.WARRIN
BAXTER 6 V B.MONG 1
CHELSEA V BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Donc.Ro	12	10	1	1	53	10	21
L.Warri	10	8	2	0	36	2	18
Croydon	10	7	2	1	58	19	16
Sher.Ra	12	5	4	3	37	20	14
Chelsea	11	5	2	4	23	25	12
Clayton	11	4	2	5	20	31	10
F.Ston	11	3	3	5	27	19	9
Hasting	12	3	3	6	11	36	9
Oakleig	11	2	1	8	16	49	5
B.Mong	11	2	0	9	18	52	4
Baxter	11	2	0	9	9	45	4

NTH/WEST A

N,COTE 1 V S/SHINE PK 2
M/CROATIA V BYE
H,BERG UTD V BYE
GEORGE 1 2 V ALTONA CTY 0
MALVERN 0 V CLIFTON 1
G,GULLY V BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
George	8	6	2	0	17	6	14
M/croat	8	5	1	2	30	13	11
Altona	10	5	1	4	14	11	11
Clifton	9	5	1	3	7	11	11
G,gully	8	5	0	3	24	14	10
S/shine	8	3	1	4	13	16	7
N,cote	9	3	0	6	10	21	6
H,berg	7	2	0	5	6	20	4
Malvern	9	1	0	8	9	18	2

NTH/WEST B

LALOR UTD V GEELONG
M.LAND MEA 4 V T.TOWN 0
WEST GATE V BYE
MARIBYRNON V BYE
BYE V NTH RESERV
LALOR V ESSENDON C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M.Land	9	7	2	0	20	7	16
Essendo	8	5	3	0	29	4	13
Nth Res	8	5	1	2	20	7	11
West Ga	8	3	2	3	11	10	8
Lalor U	8	3	1	4	9	20	7
Maribrn	7	3	0	4	18	22	6
Geelong	7	2	2	3	5	7	6
T.Town	9	1	1	7	4	19	3
Lalor	6	0	0	6	1	27	0

NTH/WEST C

S.SHINE PK 1 V ALBION 5
ROSANNA 2 V MELTON 0
PORT MELB 7 V BELL PARK 2
BYE V CORIO/G,LO
BRUNS CITY V BYE
WILLIAMSTO V BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Port Me	10	8	2	0	46	8	18
Albion	9	7	1	1	42	8	15
Corio/g	10	6	1	3	31	25	13
Bruns C	8	5	2	1	31	14	12
William	9	5	0	4	35	23	10
Melton	10	2	2	6	20	35	6
S.Shine	10	2	2	6	11	33	6
Rosanna	10	3	0	7	5	30	6
Bell Pa	10	1	0	9	14	42	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

LALOR UTD 1 V PCW 2
S/VALE CTY 5 V E,BENT 1
N,GEEL 3 V PRESTON 0
JUVE 9 V S,SHINE HT 0
KNOX 1 V FAWKNER 2
REGENT 1 V F,HILL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F,Hill	13	11	1	1	58	9	23
Pan	12	10	0	2	28	5	20
S/vale	12	8	1	3	29	7	17
N,geel	13	7	2	4	24	16	16
Lalor U	12	7	0	5	30	13	14
Preston	12	6	2	4	19	13	14
Juve	11	5	3	3	23	6	13
Regent	12	3	3	6	9	19	9
S,shine	13	3	2	8	20	34	8
Fawkner	12	2	3	7	11	28	7
E,bent	12	1	1	10	8	42	3
Knox	12	1	0	11	9	36	2

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

OAK A 1 V M,BARK A 0
S/VALE CTY 2 V HAWTHORN 2
LYNDALE A 3 V WAV,UTD 1
CLARINDA 2 V S/VALE CTY 0
MALVERN 1 V BRIGHTON 1
BENT,GREEN 0 V C,FIELD 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,field	13	11	2	0	30	7	24
S/vale	13	10	3	0	42	4	23
Clarind	12	8	2	2	30	8	18
Oak A	11	7	1	3	24	17	15
Malvern	12	5	3	4	18	16	13
Brighto	13	4	3	6	23	21	11
Hawthor	13	3	5	5	19	20	11
S/vale	13	5	0	8	17	23	10
Wav,utd	12	3	3	6	13	18	9
Lyndale	12	3	1	8	15	43	7
Bent,gr	13	2	1	10	10	40	5
M,bark	13	1	2	10	5	29	4

EASTERN B

R,WOOD CTY V MONBULK
LYNDALE B V BYE
E,RICH 4 V HAMPTON 1
M,BARK B 1 V L,WARN 4
DINGLEY 0 V F,HILL 1
S,DANDY 1 V OAK B 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	11	8	2	1	36	9	18
Oak B	11	7	3	1	36	9	17
E,rich	11	8	1	2	36	11	17
L,warn	11	7	1	3	30	13	15
R,wood	10	4	3	3	23	16	11
S,dandy	12	5	1	6	17	22	11
F,hill	12	5	0	7	25	29	10
Lyndale	10	3	3	4	12	19	9
Monbulk	10	1	3	6	9	31	5
M,bark	11	1	2	8	6	31	4
Dingley	11	0	3	8	7	31	3

NTH/WEST A

BRUNS CTY V NTH UTD
ESS,DON 0 V Y,VILL 0
H,BERG UTD V BYE
M,MEADOWS V BYE
CLIFTON V BYE
BYE V MEL CTY

Nth Utd	8	6	1	1	24	5	13
H,berg	6	5	1	0	26	4	11
Y,vill	10	3	5	2	14	10	11
Mel Cty	8	3	2	3	10	12	8
Ess,don	8	2	3	3	13	12	7
Clifton	9	3	1	5	13	20	7
M,meado	6	1	0	5	4	17	2
Bruns C	6	0	0	6	2	37	0

NTH WEST B

N.COTE 2 V ALT.GATE 1
SUN.HGTS 0 V LAL.UTD 2
BYE V LALOR
NTH/GEEL 1 V S.G.I. 2
WERRIBEE V BYE
ALT.EAST V BYE

Nth/gee	9	8	1	0	30	12	17
S.G.I.	10	7	0	3	31	10	14
N.Cote	9	6	0	3	25	18	12
Alt.Gat	10	5	1	4	26	23	11
Alt.Eas	8	4	1	3	18	9	9
Lal.Utd	8	4	1	3	14	12	9
Sun.Hgt	9	2	0	7	7	26	4
Werribe	8	1	0	7	14	29	2
Lalor	9	0	2	7	7	33	2

NTH/WEST C

SUNBURY V BYE
CROATIA B V BYE
BYE V BUNDOORA
BYE V B.MEADOWS
BYE V K,VALE
E,GEEL 4 V ASCOT,UT 0

E,geel	8	6	2	0	17	3	14
Bundoor	7	6	0	1	28	8	12
K,vale	6	3	1	2	11	9	7
B,meado	8	3	1	4	15	20	7
Ascot.	8	2	3	3	6	13	7
Sunbury	8	0	4	4	8	14	4
Croatia	6	0	2	4	6	10	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

MITCHAM V FAWKNER
MELB.CR A 1 V T.TOWN 0
ST.ALB 1 V PRESTON 5
BU.JUVE 1 V PRAHRAN 1
W.SUBS 1 V BERWICK 0
DONC.ROV V SHT.SVALE

Melb.Cr	12	11	0	1	45	5	22
Bu.Juve	12	8	3	1	30	10	19
W.Subs	11	7	2	2	24	5	16
Preston	12	6	4	2	28	20	16
Fawkner	11	7	2	2	25	18	16
Berwick	13	3	5	5	20	21	11
Sht.Sva	11	3	3	5	13	30	9
Mitcham	11	3	2	6	15	19	8
Prahran	13	2	3	8	14	27	7
Donc.Ro	11	3	1	7	13	27	7
St.Alb	13	3	1	9	15	43	7
T.Town	12	1	2	9	7	28	4

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

MITCHAM 1 V F.STON UTD 3
MEL.CTY 1 V SD/VALE 2
BYE V DANDY
MORDI 3 V SEAFORD 1
CONDORS V BYE
E,RICH 4 V S/VALE UTD 3

F,ston	10	8	1	1	41	10	17
Condora	10	6	2	2	35	19	14
E,rich	11	6	2	3	35	19	14
Mordi	10	6	2	2	17	13	14
Mel.cty	11	5	3	3	26	14	13
Sd/vale	10	3	4	3	13	19	10
S/vale	11	4	0	7	32	36	8
Dandy	10	2	2	6	14	35	6
Seaford	11	2	2	7	17	42	6
Mitcham	10	0	2	8	10	74	2

EASTERN B

HASTINGS 5 V F/STON UTD 11
KARINGAL V DOVE
CHELSEA 1 V OAK SUBS 2
K,BORO 2 V C/BOURNE 1
BYE V M,BARK
F.T.G 0 V C/WOOD 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oak Sub	11	8	2	1	33	12	18
C/wood	8	8	0	0	50	6	16
F.T.G	11	7	2	2	35	15	16
F/ston	12	7	1	4	34	18	15
Dove	9	5	2	2	29	16	12
K,boro	12	6	0	6	34	25	12
Chelsea	12	5	2	5	28	30	12
M,bark	10	1	4	5	14	30	6
Karinga	10	1	2	7	14	29	4
C/bourn	11	1	2	8	20	37	4
Hasting	12	1	1	10	11	84	3

NTH/WEST A

BYE V NTH UTD
CROATIA V ALBION
BYE V M,MEADOWS
GEEL CTY V BYE
SYD PK V BYE
REGENT V BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Croatia	5	4	1	0	17	6	9
Nth Utd	4	3	0	1	9	7	6
Regent	2	2	0	0	10	0	4
Syd Pk	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
M,meado	4	1	1	2	7	9	3
Albion	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Geel Ct	4	0	0	4	5	18	0

RICOH S/LEAGUE

OAK 3 V ST ALBANS 0
S/VALE CTY 5 V BULLEEN 0
H,BERG UTD 0 V WAV UTD 0
JUVE 0 V GEORGE 1 1
PRESTON A V ALT GATE
T,TOWN 0 V C,FIELD 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Alt Gat	11	10	1	0	32	8	21
George	12	8	3	1	25	9	19
S/vala	12	8	1	3	31	13	17
Preston	10	6	3	1	23	9	15
Oak	12	6	2	4	21	15	14
T,town	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C,field	13	4	3	6	9	14	11
H,berg	12	3	5	4	17	27	11
Wav Utd	12	2	5	5	9	17	9
Bulleen	12	2	3	7	13	25	7
St Alba	11	2	1	8	7	26	5
Juve	12	0	1	11	6	22	1

UNDER 18

EASTERN

BYE V MORDI
CLAYTON V P,MORE
HELLAS 11 V KARINGAL 0
MEL CTY 5 V BOX HILL 2
CROYDON 4 V BRIGHTON 1
E,RICH 4 V ALTONA CTY 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hellas	12	11	0	1	48	8	22
E,rich	11	10	0	1	41	11	20
Mel Cty	11	7	1	3	42	19	15
Mordi	10	6	3	1	23	11	15
P,more	11	4	4	3	25	16	12
Croydon	9	3	1	5	17	25	7
Altona	11	2	3	6	14	31	7
Brighto	9	2	2	5	7	28	6
Clayton	9	1	3	5	11	23	5
Box Hil	10	2	0	8	16	33	4
Karinga	11	0	1	10	9	52	1

NORTHERN

N,COTE V BYE
H,BERG UTD 0 V N,GEEL 1
FAWKNER 2 V JUVE 1
GEEL CTY V BYE
BYE V H,BERG CTY
M,MONE 2 V CLIFTON 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geel Ct	11	7	2	2	32	15	16
Fawkner	9	5	3	1	30	11	13
N,geel	11	6	0	5	26	26	12
H,berg	9	4	2	3	17	15	10
Juve	11	4	1	6	17	15	9
H,berg	9	3	2	4	15	17	8
Clifton	10	3	2	5	19	27	8
M,mone	9	1	1	7	12	26	3
N,cote	9	3	0	6	14	15	6

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STATE LEAGUE

CAULFIELD CITY 1 RINGWOOD CITY 2

WHEN Ringwood City made a defensive blunder in the third minute of the game against Caulfield City and gave away a goal — scored by Deligiannis — it faced an uphill battle but, in the end, came through with flying colors deservedly winning the game 2-1.

Although Ringwood City had most of the play in the first half, the finishing was awful and Caulfield City found no difficulties in containing the Ringwood forwards.

The Caulfield counter attacks kept the Ringwood defence under pressure all the time and a Caulfield corner in the 35th minute caused a lot of problems with Pappas close to scoring another Caulfield goal.

How different was the second half with Ringwood playing some fine soccer and much superior to a very dissappointing Caulfield. The men in orange dictated play for most of the time, putting the Caulfield defence under much pressure and when, in the 60th minute, young Jamie Prinsen took the ball to the goal-line his perfect pass found John Wall, who scored his first Ringwood goal for the equalizer: 1-1

Ringwood kept coming in search of victory. Wingers Marcel de Ridder and Jamie Prinsen caused panic in the Caulfield defence, but it was John Corvan who collected a stray pass in the 32nd minute and hammered it past goalie Madzer heralding Ringwood tried valiantly to snatch an equalizer in the dying minutes of the game but the Ringwood defence stood firm, giving the visitors two very valuable points.

— H.L.

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FRANKSTON PINES 1 SPRINGVALE CITY 0

With a good crowd in attendance at the local State League Derby, Pines had the first opportunity to score from a free kick on the edge of the Penalty Box after Steve Keenan was brought down.

But the kick was cut out by goalkeeper Brian.

Springvale pushed forward with Brian Keenan beating two defenders only to see his shot go wide.

Springvale again stated strongly in the second half, putting the Pines' defence under great pressure. The Vales received a free kick on the edge of the 18 yard bal, Brian Keenan lobbed the head of Ian Tuffield who forced a great save from Pines keeper Lee Davies. Ian Stirton found the going heavy and was replaced by Doug Hodgson.

Both teams continued with crunching tackles, which is expected in local derbys but the referee held the game on a tight reign, booking Steve Keenan, Graham Watson of Pines and A. Byrne of Springvale.

Pines finally broke through when a quiet Craig Miller took the ball from defence with a pressure run down the left, accepting a rebound from Hodgson and slotting the ball past Brian in the 85th minute.

Springvale pressed hard to the final whistle but could not convert, giving Pines an undefeated run in 6 games and looking safe from relegation.

Best players: Craig Miller, Gerard McDonagh, Steve Keenan.

Reserves Result: F. Pines 0 def. by Springvale City 2.

— D.J.

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CROYDON CITY 1 MORWELL FALCONS 2

Morwell Falcons blitzed Croydon early notching up two very valuable goals in the first 12 minutes and then defending courageously to prevent the onslaught that Croydon threw back for the rest of the game allowing only one attack to penetrate.

Referee Mr John Santa Isabel handled the game like it was a Cup Final and handed out yellow cards to Dave McIntosh, Ian Dobson and Mark Brown for repeated late tackles.

It took only a couple of minutes for the visitors to settle in and get used to the short pitch conditons of Croydon Park and after several free kicks awarded to Morwell, Darko Basara latched onto a scrambly attempt to clear and turned on a burst of speed that left Brown and Dobson flatfooted as Basara dodged past Mirko Runje and registered Falcons first score just four minutes into the game.

At the other end Falcons 'keeper Dave Reynolds clashed heavily with Dobson when both were in the air from a corner kick.

At the twelfth minute a long clearance from Jeff Doyle saw Ron Manley latch on to the ball in the open and a quick turn started an individual run through the middle.

Both Dobson and Brown attempted to bring Manleys run to an end but very clever evasive play eventually left Manley with only the 'keeper to beat to turn the scoreboard over again for the visitors.

Sean Byrne was doing wonders in midfield and consistantly feeding the ball forward. Droydon were becoming a little frustrated and the defenders were caught out on several occasions.

McIntosh was handed a card for a particularly late tackle on Byrne and the game started to become very physical indeed. However, we all know that it's not a game for wimps and the clashes continued.

croydon were denied a score on two occasions late in the first half when Darren Scott's shot was palmed over the top by Reynolds and another fine save from a solid shot from Andy Humble.

Dobson received his caution just before the break in a clash behind play with Byrne. The resultant free went to nothing as the whistle sounded. Colin Quigley was replaced for the second half with Paul Langsbury coming on at the back and Brown moving up into midfield.

The move certainly worked as Falcons suddenly found themselves defending like mad, leaving only one forward out in case of the loose ball. Croydon poured on the pressure and won at least a dozen corners in as many minutes with good tries from Steve Brimmer and Nick Van Egmond being held safely by Reynolds.

Brown received his yellow for bringing Billy Wright to ground on the wing and the free almost borught up another score for Falcons when Hoe O'Donnell pounced on the ball and sent it long only to be punche dout by Runje.

Andy Humble went for a tumble just outside the ox, but the referee indicated a nice dive. Croydon were rewarded for keeping up the pressure when at the 76th minute a cross from Van Egmond landed for Humble who had found some free space and, this time, the ball evaded Reynolds out stretched arm to settle into the net.

The last 10 minutes was a torrid affair and was not for the weak at heart however, when the final whistle sounded the scoreboard was unchanged. The Latrobe Valley Club is hosting Brunswick Juventus this Saturday.

— E.H.

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Geelong Soccer

by ROY HAY

THE teams in the lower divisions recorded Geelong's best results last weekend with victories by Hamlyn Rangers, East Geelong and Brintons.

Of the for four clubs, in the area only Geelong got a pint for its efforts. It snatched a 3-3 draw against Coburg in the dying minutes of their Division Two match at Stead Park.

Coburg led three times, but Geelong pegged it back each time. A cross skidded over the Geelong defence and John Catterson opened the scoring for Coburg. David Krasic equalised with his first goal since joining Geelong from North Geelong.

Richard Eustace's free kick was nodded on by John Catterson for brother Martin to score at the second attempt to put Coburg ahead, but this time David Fleming restored parity.

John Catterson then took advantage of a good through ball but, with only a couple of minutes to play, Darren Tuck received the ball in an offside position but went on to beat the keeper and recover his balance to slide the ball past a defender who had got back to the goal-line. The goal stood despite Coburg's protests.

North Geelong's away match against Ringwood United was postponed.

It was an odd day in Division Two, when all the top six teams lost apart from Chelsea, which beat Hawthorn by the only goal of the game.

Bell Park lost 2-1 at home to Clarinda, after leading by Sam McNeilage's penalty goal. Clarinda got on terms when Jim Tsakiris and D. Ougrinis did series of one-two's down the wing and as the ball came over Jim Sahinidis dummied it and Con Nitsikas scored. The winner came in 20 minutes and was a marvellous dipping volley by Tom Karoulias, which just cleared Gary Walker and passed under the crossbar. John Coutts had a chance to save a point in the last Park attack but failed to convert.

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How your team fared contd. from page 12

Corio-Geelong United was beaten by only three goals to one at Mornington.

Hamlyn Rangers had an impressive 5-1 win away to Keysborough in Division Four. Rangers dominated the first half and could have gone on to add several more to its tally in the second. Darren Nelson had a hat-trick and the other goals came from Stephen McAuliffe and Ray Friday.

In the Provisional League, East Geelong Beat Waverley United 2-1 with a penalty by Lou Temelkovski and an own goal, while Britons had another 1-0 win, this time against Frankston United at the Conca D'Ora Club. Ashley McIntyre converted a penalty after Andre Prutey had been brought down.

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Victorian League Division Three

ELTHAM-DIAMOND VALLEY 1 (Jankulovski (pen. 38m) SEAFORD UTD 0

Eltham-Diamond Valley: Hamilton, Hadric, Kerr, Giacomo, Love, Milenkovic, Jankulovski, Stanaway, B. Coyle, Johansson, Cirka.

A penalty kick taken by Vasko Jankulovski in the 38th minute provided the only counter in a hard, bruising game at Willinda Park.

Alan Kerr made several positional changes and played himself as sweeper to improve the organisation of the side.

The opening 10 minutes were very even, neither side being able to gain an advantage.

Valley's defence, marshalled by Kerr, looked very secure but again there was a large gap between the front runners, Cirka and Johansson, and the rest of the team and as often as not one or the other was left to face three or four defenders.

Cirka broke away in the 38th minute and was brought down in the box. Jankulovski did his usual efficient job from the spot.

A few minutes later Cirka headed the ball into the net from a corner but the ref spotted an infringement and the goal was disallowed.

A half-time blast from the coach made Seaford come out with more purpose in the second half and it had most of the play for the next 15 minutes.

The closest the side came to scoring was when Hamilton was beaten by a header but Hadric cleared off the line.

Just before the end Seaford forced four corners in a row but Valley survived the pressure and held on for a narrow win.

The reserve game was a real thriller with only one goal separating the two sides. Richie Ritter got the all-important goal 12 minutes from time to give Valley the points.

— Gordon Kirkwood

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Provisional League Division Two

SOUTH DANDENONG 3 (Elmazovski - 13 min. Sepetci 29 & 66 min.) EAST ALTONA 2 (Dimitriou - 55 min. Xydias - pen. 80 min).

SOUTH DANDENONG: R. Memishi, E. Simsek, S. Fus, C. Yilmaz, M. Jusic, R. Lumani, Y. Gionullu, A. Dogan, S. Elmazovski, S. Yildirim, H. Sepetci.

EAST ALTONA: J. Chalamandaris, H. Mihailidis (N. Giannikos 31 min.), I. Christou, J. Dimitriou, S. Hatzopoulos, P. Bednar, S. Sokolis, G. Smith, G. Xydias, N. Meletis, A. Politidis.

IT'S been a productive fortnight for South Dandenong.

First it got the better of the then league leader, Forest Hill, and now collecting the points from second-placed East Altona.

A stern examination, for sure, but the home side's two-goal lead at half-time presented an uphill battle for Altona in the second term.

South registered their first goal after 13 minutes play. A long ball from Gionullu found Sepetci but his effort was blocked. The loose ball was hammered home by the lurking Elmazovski.

Sixteen minutes later the home team went two up.

Sepetci intercepted an Altona free kick. The winger's ball skills were seen at their best before he found the net past a bemused Chalamandaris.

But Altona was anything but an onlooker and a goal that always threatened came its way 10 minutes after the break.

A Hatzopoulos right wing corner was firmly headed home by Dimitriou.

Eleven minutes later South were back in the "box seat" from a throw-in. Gionullu sent a raking cross field pass to the unmarked left winger, Sepetci. Sepetci gobbled up this "gift" to make it 3-1 for South.

Altona never gave up and the home goal had its anxious moments. The visitors' pressure finally paid off 10 minutes from the end of normal time. Defender, Steve Fus, was adjudged to have fouled and Xydias made no mistake with his penalty.

It became very much of a defensive exercise for the home side in the dying minutes but 'keeper Memishi, was in fine form and he and his colleagues kept their goal intact.

— A.H.

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State League

ST ALBANS vs FAWKNER

Spurred on by an unusually sunny day, St Albans and Fawkner played an entertaining match at the Churchill Reserve which was deservedly won by the home team through better fitness and persistent pressure.

Fawkner more than equalled its opponents in the first half, with some excellent one touch soccer instigated by Sabbatino in midfield and hard work by the evergreen Campbell on the left flank.

However, the large amount of room given to Culina was a request for trouble and local player-coach took full advantage of the situation in the second half.

The match opened with both teams disregarding inhibitions and attacking each other's goal.

Within ten minutes Robert Terzini saved Gagula Jezeljko and George Campbell had a goal disallowed for an obvious foul by Hanna on the keeper.

Culina Branko set up first Dennis Morovic at the at the 18' and then Gagula at the 30' but the chances went amiss.

It was then Fawkner's turn to make itself dangerous with Cosentino whose shot was saved by Bozic on the line.

From the resulting corner taken by Campbell, Emmanuelle headed at the near post but Kuzman brilliantly headed off the line.

The half continued at a brisk pace, ending with a shot by Kupresak just at Mr Zakaradis blew for half time.

For the many Fawkner supporters who were hoping for sustained positive efforts from their team after the break, the second half was very disappointing.

When Ferla lost the ball in midfield at the 6' and the mercurial Culina seized the opportunity from the wing to invite Gagula to shoot, the St Albans forward let go with a terrific blast from outside the box which gave Terzini no chance 1-0.

The visitors now seem to lose all confidence and rhythm.

From a corner by Culina at the 25' Morovic, who for most of the game had been kept quiet by Ferla, passed for Dragovic and his fierce shot bounced off the post into the net 2-0.

The home team continued the pressure but Terzini saved first from Pondeljak and then Kupresak.

In the last few minutes Morovic's header just missed the bar and Eres curled a shot over Terzini but the bar saved Fawkner from a heavier deficit.

For the Italian team's new coach Cedo Cirkevic, today's match prove how much work lays ahead while Culina can be quite pleased with his players' attitude and determination.

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Elsmy (GG)
Fourna (S'vale)
Griffin (Thom)
Grimaud (FP)
Ham (BH)

Hennessey (Thom)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Livingstone (Bull)
Marley (Juve)

McDonagh (FP)
McLeod (BH)
McPhee (BH)
Marchett (Fawk)
Maretic (St.A)

Micevski (Alt)
Miller (FP)
Minichiello (Juve)
Nelson (MF)
Nicoski (Alt)

Radecki (FP)
Ragusa (Thom)
Ristovski (Alt)
Runje.G (Croy)

Smart (GG)
Sweeney (FP)
Thodis (North)
Thomas (BH)
Verecchia (Spr)

Industrial League Contd. from page 5

side was able to bother the statisticians. It was not for want of trying, as each had several excellent chances.

Still, the West was not to have things all its own way. Tottenham found Glenroy Doxa just a little too hard to handle, and eventually went down 2-3. It was a bitter blow for the Tottenham stalwarts, as they had led handsomely all day, but faded in the last few minutes to lose the initiative and the match.

Another western suburbs team to bite the dust was Nippondenso. ANZ Bank had led 2-0 for a substantial part of this game, but Nippondenso pulled one back at the 75th minute. The final 15 minutes was all Nippondenso as it strove desperately for the equaliser, with ANZ striving just as manfully (albeit with a touch of panic) to hold on to its advantage. The final 2-1 result was an accurate reflection of what, in the end, was a highly entertaining, if low standard, encounter.

Other League Cup winners were Montrose, which outlasted Middle East 4-2, and Flamingo which had the advantage of the odd goal in seven against a very persistant Fourth Division opponent in Epping Thistle.

In the Mansfield Bunny Invitation Cup, for Reserves teams, two tense struggles went to the sixteen "penalty" kick before the issue was decided. At Montrose, the sharp-shooters were in top form before Cretan Athletic finally won out 8-7. At Middle Park, there were two misses and two saves for each side before Middle Park finally emerged winners of the shoot-out 4-3.

Highpoint was the clearest winner on the day in a total 9-0 humiliation of Youth United. Melbourne Rumania whitewashed Coomoora Spiders 3-0; North Dandenong Sparrows just edged out Springvale Eagles 4-3, but Elwood United had quite a fright before finally emerging triumphant. Middle East had led 1-0 for the first 60 minutes of this match, but in the last half-hour the Elwood juggernaut cranked into top gear and belted in four decisive goals.

The winds of discontent blew a gale in both the Flamingo/Tottenham and Apollo United/Windsor matches, resulting in both being abandoned during the first half.

Division Three West has a new (temporary?) leader in Altona North Tarxien, which took full advantage of its catch-up fixture to down Keilor Old Boys 2-0.

The win takes Tarxien two points clear of both St Albans Dynamo and Ardeer, but the Dynamos have only to win their postponed fixture to go back into the lead by virtue of their superior goal difference.

Ardeer has the poorest goal difference of the top three, and also the hardest task ahead of it.

It must beat both the front runners and rely on somebody else taking at least a point from each of them. With the season only two-thirds over, however, anything is still possible.

In Division Three, East, Taxation United held on to third place when it downed Keeley Kings 3-1, while Bowater picked up two valuable walkover points when Westall FIPA failed to show.

In Division 2M, Harambee's double win at the expense of Oakleigh City was extremely important, reinforcing its Firsts team's third placing and moving its Reserves into the runners up berth.

Sunshine Macedonia renewed its claim to Fourth Division honors when it demolished Dingley United 9-0 in Sunday's catch-up round. Tony Bogoevski opened the scoring for the Macedonians at the 30th minute, while Zlatko Trajkovski made it 2-0 at the 43rd.

Despite playing into the teeth of a strong wind in the second half, Sunshine Macedonia ran amok. Bogoevski completed his hat-trick, Trajkovski netted his second, while Vidanovski (2), Markovski and Lavcanski netted the remainder.

Embassy Taxis, having scored its first win in Round 12, continued its Indian Summer with a very handsome 1-1 draw with Endeavour United in this round. The dropped point could well have sunk Endeavour's chance at the championship but, if you ask me, I don't think the Taximen are the least little bit sorry. The other catch-up match in Division Four saw Alexander the Great edge out Sunshine United 3-2.

Eltham and Diamond Valley still heads Division Four, leading by two points from Sunshine Macedonia and Epping Thistle.

The two games hwich Sunshine Macedonia has in hand should be enough to see it go back to the top. One thing is certain — there is still a lot of excitement left before the Division Four championship is finally decided.

There are several crucial games coming up in this weekend's round. In Division One Morning, Highpoint needs to take at least a point from Footscray United in order to dispose of this threat once and for all, while Altona Ilinden must win against Australian Airlines to keep its slender hopes alive.

In Division 1M Reserves, three teams — Australian Airlines, Highpoint and ANZ Bank — desperately need to pick up both points if they are to compete for the Championship.

Windsor must take at least a point from Hampton Park to keep the Parkers at bay, while Coomoora Spiders must beat Youth United, and beat them by a substantial margin.

In the Reserves, both Flamingo and Windsor need to pick up at least a point each.

Division Two Afternoon also has its fascination. Current leader, Bayside ATA, cannot afford a slip against the unpredictable Northern Timorese, as Flemington Florida should be untroubled in accounting for Oakleigh City Bays.

Division Three East is all sewn up. Dallas has it won. But in Three West, Altona North Tarxien is at home to St Albans Dynamo, and must win if it wants to be the champion. Ardeer will certainly win easily against Kings Park Heights, so all the pressure appears to be on the Dynamos.

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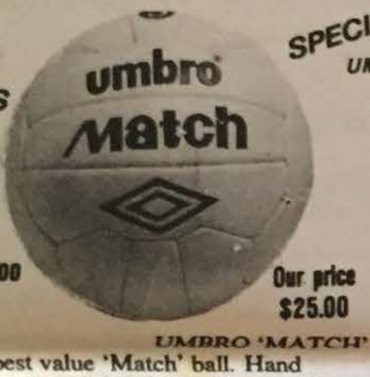

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MORWELL FALCONS V JUVENTUS ....

Sunday

GREEN GULLY V BOX HILL..............
MARIBYRNONG P/A V BULLEEN (H).......
RINGWOOD CITY V CROYDON CITY.......
THOMASTOWN V FRANKSTON P..........
FAWKNER V NORTHCOTE CITY...........
SPRINGVALE CITY V ST ALBANS ....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — ROUND 19 — Div. 1 Saturday

MOOROOLBARK V SANDRINGHAM CITY ...
DOVETON V ESSENDON CITY............
NUNAWADING CITY V WESTGATE........

Sunday

WESTERN SUBURBS V OAKLEIGH ....
WERRIBEE V DANDENONG..............
BROADMEADOWS CITY V KNOX CITY .....
MORDIALLOC V ALBION...............

DIVISION 2 — Saturday

HEIDELBERG CITY V YARRAVILLE........
RICHMOND V RINGWOOD UNITED ....
NORTH GEELONG V KEILOR............
PORT MELBOURNE V WAVERLEY CITY ....
SUNBURY UNITED V GEELONG..........
COBURB V BRIGHTON ....
DONCASTER ROVERS V CLIFTON HILL ....

DIVISION 3 — Saturday

ALTONA CITY V MORNINGTON..........
CORIO/GEELONG UTD V ELTHAM/DIAMOND ....
SEAFORD UN V HOLLAND PARK.........
MOORABBIN C V SPRINGV UNITED ......
LALOR UNITED V CHELSEA ....
HAWTHORN V BELL PARK...............
CLARINDA V YALLOURN...............

DIVISION 4 — Saturday

MORELAND PARK RANGERS V KARINGAL UNITED.........................
CLAYTON V WILLIAMSTOWN ....
FERNTREE GULLY V KEYSBOROUGH......
LANGWARRIN V REGENT..............
HAMLYN RANGERS V BORONIA ....
ROSANNA V BENTLEIGH GREENS........
PASCOE VALE V E. BRUNS/IVANHOE .....

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION 1 — Saturday

WAVERLEY UN V WEST VALE...........
BERWICK CITY V BRUNSWICK CITY......
PRAHRAN V NTH SUNSHINE...........
WEST MEADOWS V EAST GEELONG......
MOSSFIEL RANGERS V MALVERN CITY ...
MELTON V SPRINGVALE CONDORS.......
SOUTH YARRA V OAKLEIGH SUBURBS ....

DIVISION 2 — Saturday

SOUTH SPRINGVALE V PORT UN ....
UNI OF MELB. V BRINTONS............
FRANKSTON UN V GLENROY ....
ALTONA EAST V FOREST HILL..........
LALOR V CRANBOURNE ....
ASCOT ST MARKS V MONASH UNIV......
BALLARAT V STH DANDENONG ....

DIVISION 3 — Saturday

FITZROY CITY V ALTONA UNITED........
WANTIRNA V LYNDALE UN ....
MITCHAM UN V CARRUM UN ....
MEADOW PARK V RIVERSDALE ....
NORTH CLAYTON V RINGWOOD ROVERS...
BRANDON PARK V MONBULK...........
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DIVISION 1 — SUNDAY

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DIVISION 2 — Sunday

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